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## Gaston Pond dam discussion continued

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE - Selectmen discussed the Gaston Pond dam with Conservation Commission member Ronald Rich and Town Counsel, James Baird.

Town Counsel said he recommended sending a letter to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) asking them for proof that the town owns the dam. He said Insight Meditation Center and Massachusetts Audubon Society were the current owners of an original parcel, which the Gaston family previously owned. He said Insight Meditation Center hired a law firm in Amherst to do a title search and the firm said Insight Meditation was not the owner. Possible owners besides Insight Meditation include Mass. Audubon and the town of Barre because of Mill Road that runs over a portion of the dam. Baird said Mill Road never appeared as a town road or as discontinued.

Interim Town Administrator Heather Budrewicz said she checked with Department of Public Works superintendent Jason Pimental and Mills Road is listed on the Chapter 90 lists as a town road. The town used Chapter 90 funds for paving of Mill Road.

Attorney Baird also cautioned the town to not touch Mill Road and the dam as it would make it look like the town owns it. He also said it might be smart to pay for surveying and to ask Sen. Gobi and Rep. Berthiaume to get the DCR to extend the deadlines to the town until ownership was determined.

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## ‘All Things Irish’ happens this Saturday



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Teacher Amy LaPointe's Irish Step Dancers from the Listening Center performed at a past All Things Irish event. They will perform this year as well.

BARRE — The fourth annual “All Things Irish” night will be held Saturday, March 7 at the American Legion Post 2 at 450 South Barre Road from 4-9 p.m. with live Irish music, step dancing, Irish theme raffles, shepherd’s pie dinner and a cash bar. “All Things Irish” is a fundraiser for the Polus Center for Social and Economic Development, Inc., a Petersham-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports people with disabilities.

Doors open at 4 p.m., with dinner and homemade Irish soda bread served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The Quaboag Highlanders, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of Celtic

music featuring bagpipes and Scottish drums will start off the evening. Yokeshire, (talented siblings Craig and Brian Herlihy) will entertain throughout the night with traditional Irish music and ballads. Step dancing performances will include local dancers from the Listening Center, led by teacher Amy LaPointe, at 5:30 p.m. Shillelagh Awards will begin at 7 p.m., followed by sing-along favorites by Yokeshire and a final step dancing performance by the Irish Rhythm School dancers. The Petersham Cultural Council, a local agency funded by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

In addition to the people list-

ed in last week’s paper, Andrea Leroux is receiving a Shillelagh Award. She is a member of the community who has never said no to a request for her time or support. She is an active member of the Quabbin music program, the Quabbin sports programs, Q-DRUG, the Woods Memorial Library and many more. She is often called upon in the Quabbin Middle School, where she is a teacher, to lead volunteer activities for all the students. Without her leadership and support the middle school dances would have failed to exist years ago. These volunteer hours go far beyond the requirements or expectations of being an amazing math teacher

in the district and she provides opportunities for students to develop beyond the classroom.

Proceeds from the evening will support the Polus Center’s “Bridge to Success Project,” a person-centered program that provides scholarships and extra support for students who are blind or low vision to attend college in Worcester, and a new in-home independent living program for young adults who are blind. Based in Petersham, the Polus Center has been providing opportunities for people with disabilities in Massachusetts

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## Town clerks lists primary election results

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

Town clerks from Barre, New Braintree and Oakham reported voter turnouts of 33.12 percent, 36.8 percent and 38.3 percent respectively in the Tuesday, March 3 presidential primary.

New Braintree and Oakham followed the statewide trend of those casting Democratic ballots with Joseph R. Biden, the top vote getter followed by Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Barre voters casting Democratic ballots put Sanders first with 348 votes (194 precinct 1 and 153 precinct 2), Biden second with 277 (143 precinct 1 and 134 precinct 2) and Warren third with 141 (82 precinct 1 and 57 precinct 2).

On the Democratic side, New Braintree voters cast 69 votes for Biden, 64 for Sanders and 46 for Warren. In Oakham Democratic ballots had 140 votes for Biden, 111 for Sanders and 60 votes for Warren.

Michael Bloomberg was fourth choice in all of the above towns. In Barre he had 81 votes (46 precinct 1 and 35 precinct 2). In New Braintree Bloomberg had 15 votes and in Oakham it was 28.

On the Republican ballot in Barre Donald J. Trump, the incumbent, was the top vote getter with 295 (136 precinct 1 and 158. William F. Weld had 27 votes (22 precinct 1 and 5 precinct 2). New Braintree Republican ballot voters gave Trump 66 and Weld 4. Oakham voters cast 143 for Trump and 13 for Weld.

Barre had 3 voters (2 precinct 1

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## Committee lowers school budget

Amount reflects 3.4 increase over previous year

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said at last Thursday school committee meeting she “a understood needs budget was unrealistic for towns to meet.”

Cheryl Duval, director of financial services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the second proposal for the FY 21 budget. The

\$36,023,026 budget was a 3.4 increase of the FY 20 budget and \$658,641 less than the first proposal of \$36,681,667, which was a 5.3 increase over last year.

Dr. Muir said she looked at areas to cut with the least impact to education. The just over \$36 million proposal eliminated floor replacements in all school buildings (none are a safety issue) and did not replace a retiring teacher. It also discontinued the automatic substitute-calling program. The district would return to the old system of the principal or office staff calling substitute teachers directly. The superintendent was also reviewing central office staff-

ing. Increases not under the district’s control were \$28,801 over the amount projected for Worcester County retirement and five and 13 percent increases in software licenses.

Dr. Muir said revenue figures continue to evolve and some would not be known until June with the passing of the Senate’s budget. Circuit break and transportation costs were not available as this time. The house version budget would be out the third week of April and the senate version, mid-June.

The superintendent said one of

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## Sen. Gobi aide lists upcoming office hours

Lucas McDiarmid, aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of March. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to him at Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov or by phone at 413-324-3082.

Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns, and McDiarmid is additionally available by appointment if people are unable to make any of the times listed.

Monday, March 9 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Paxton Senior Center, from noon-1 p.m. at the Spencer Howe Village and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the East Brookfield Municipal Offices

Tuesday, March 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sturbridge Senior Center and from noon-1 p.m. at the Rutland Senior Center

Wednesday, March 11 from 11 a.m. to noon at the North Brookfield Senior Center and from 1-2 p.m. at the Holland Town Hall

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## Concert features American music

GILBERTVILLE – Friends of the Stone Church will present brilliant soprano Maria Ferrante and award-winning pianist Ivan Gusev in Americana: Songs We Love on Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m., at the Stone Church, 283 Main St.

New England audiences know Maria Ferrante’s live performances, including 28 leading operatic roles and four recordings, and are deeply fond of her. Ivan Gusev, a passionate performer and teacher, was born in Kazakhstan. An honors graduate of Moscow State Conservatory and of the Mannes School of Music in New York, he is a new award-winning talent being presented to American audiences. He will play the Stone Church’s “new” 1907 Chickering piano. A number of up-and-coming young singers, students of Maria Ferrante, collectively dubbed Voices of Reason will also perform in a wide-ranging program celebrating American music, from the Civil War era to the present time, from classical opera selections to jazz and Broadway songs.

Admission is \$15, and is free for those under 18. Purchase tickets at the door with cash or credit card. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Our traditional, opulent FOSC recep-



Maria  
Ferrante



Ivan  
Gusev

tion follows the concert.

Ferrante, who cast this program to showcase and complement her fellow performers, is equally at home on opera and concert stages. She has been praised for her ‘combination of delicacy and intensity...her honesty, imagination, and investment’ in her roles. She is a vivid and active recitalist in New England and nationally, and was the first Worcester artist to be chosen for a major performance in the Worcester Music Festival.

Among her classic roles are Cio-cio-san, the title role in Puccini’s Madama Butterfly. A student of Elly Ameling, Maria Ferrante has premiered many new works, and has been called “a soprano whose love for singing is surpassed only by her love for communicating,” bringing the audience into her mood. Rave

reviews greeted her album, Sea Tides and Time. She teaches voice students in Worcester.

Ivan Gusev has performed extensively in Russia, Europe, and the U.S. He is a winner of the 3rd Gershwin International Music Competition (2017), a prize winner at the Chopin International Piano Competition (2018), and has garnered several other competitive awards.

Joining Maria and Ivan are Jacob Connelly, Katie Cronin, Cam Hadland, Jan Hadland, Rosie Joubert, Isabella Montalvo and Mikayla Philbin.

The afternoon’s music centers around the striking, resounding American outputs of American composers such as Louis Moreau Gottschalk (1829-1869), Edward MacDowell (1860-1908), George Gershwin (1898-1937) and Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990). Gottschalk was born in New Orleans and an outspoken foe of slavery. The first American to

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News of the Towns



**Round Town**  
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St. Francis of Assisi to hold movie nights

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host two movie nights during Lent. Sunday, March 15 from 6-8 p.m. “Sexual Revolution” will be shown in St. Joseph’s Hall, South Street. It is open to all in grade 9 and above. Father Jamie will be the facilitator of this documentary. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Saturday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. the movie “Love and Mercy Faustina” will be shown and a simple soup supper served. People should RSVP if they would like to bring something by calling or texting Judy at 508-320-5049.

**American Legion Auxiliary monthly meeting**  
American Legion Auxiliary - Barre Unit 2 will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 9 at the Post, 450 South Barre Rd. The Refreshment Committee has Brenda Rossi as chairman, along with Adryanna Rossi, Kristen Grudzinskas, and Becky Swenson. Hope to see you at the meeting.

**American Legion corned beef and cabbage supper**  
Barre Post 2 American Legion, 450 South Barre Road, will host their annual corned beef and cabbage supper on Saturday, March 14. Ham is also available. Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m. Donation is \$15. For tickets, people may contact Tony Musnicki at 978-337-2351, Scott Tourtellot at 508-320-9899, Bob Benoit at 978-502-2074 or Dennis Fleming at 978-696-1252.

**Troop 26 ham and bean supper**  
Boy Scout Troop 26 of Barre will host its 57th annual ham and bean supper Saturday, March 7 at the Barre Congregational Church, 20 Park St., on the common.  
An “all-you-can-eat dinner” of ham, beans, salad, rolls and apple crisp has been a family favorite meal served up by the local Boy Scout troop for over 56 years. Doors will open at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available by calling Scoutmaster Aaron Casey at 774-922-2591, Committee Chair Ronald Rich, Jr. at 978-355-4984 or any Boy Scout.

Barre Food Pantry offers evening distribution

BARRE – People in need of food assistance are welcome to the Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St. in Barre Center Thursday, March 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. for free monthly distribution of fresh, frozen and canned food made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs.  
The Barre Food Pantry encourages clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution. For additional information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

Food pantry offers volunteer opportunity

BARRE — The Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., in Barre center welcomes volunteers Thursday, March 19 between 5-7 p.m. to help set up and staff the tables, help clients “shop” the food pantry offerings and help carry groceries to clients’ cars.  
Community service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students, who come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463

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**These cast members of a recent Barre Players Theater production accept a check for \$10,000 from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation from Stephen Brewer.**



**Stephen Brewer of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation presents a check for \$1,000 to the Hardwick Food Pantry for a refrigerator.**



**Members of Joe Duval's family, Amber Duval, sister and Lisa Besaw, mother are shown with Stephen Brewer of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation, who donated \$1,500 to Joe's Journey.**



**Stephen Brewer on the behalf of the Barre Svaings Charitable Foundation presented a check for \$7,000 to Worcester County 4-H. Shown from left are James Baird, Brewer and Martin Shaw.**



**Coats for Jo's Jackets are displayed at the Hardwick Town House. The organization created in memory of Betty Jo Kelley by her family received \$5,000 for Jo's Jackets from Barre Savings Charitable Fundraiser**

Bigelow Library offers Salsa lesson

CLINTON — The Bigelow Free Public Library, 54 Walnut St., will present four nights of Salsa Dance lessons free to the public. The first workshop will run on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
People that wanted to dance are encouraged to drop in for a free Salsa dance lesson and practice time with Rebecca Sonn, a Latin dance performer and instructor with Salsa Worcester since 2012.  
Salsa dance originated in NYC in the 1960s, heavily influenced by Afro-Cuban

traditions and dances such as Mambo, Guaguanco, Danzon, and Bomba. Modern styles of salsa include Salsa-on 1, Salsa-on 2, Puerto Rican style and Casino Rueda, and have also been influenced Latin Hustle, Swing, Tap, and Ballet.  
Dancing is a great exercise and a great way to leave the winter blues behind. No need to bring a partner, everyone will rotate. This series of workshops is funded with a mini-grant from the Community Health Network of North Central Mass. Additional

opportunities to learn and practice will be held on April 15, May 27 and June 17 at 6:30 pm.  
For more information about any of these events or to register, people may call the library at 978-365-4160 or visit them during open hours, Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
People can also register for events online, through the web-site, at [www.bigelowlibrary.org](http://www.bigelowlibrary.org).

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Community theater presents ‘Pinocchio’

The Hubbardston Community Theater will present Disney’s “My Son Pinocchio” Friday, March 20; Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

**Senior center events**  
The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., weekly schedule includes: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Wii Bowling at 8 a.m.; Monday - Friday coffee hour at 8 a.m.; Tuesday - Swinging Singing Seniors at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday - walking club at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday - Senior Center meals by MOC at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday - pitch (second and fourth Wednesdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Thursday - cribbage (second and fourth Thursdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Friday - craft corner (third Friday each month) at 10 a.m., Friday - cribbage at 1:30 p.m. and Friday evenings - pitch (first and third Fridays each month) at 6:30 p.m. Free bread/baked goods are available at the senior center Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Price Chopper Supermarket in Gardner donates them. Free one dozen Country Hen eggs for residents 60 and over are available every week on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the senior center. For more information, people may call 978-928-1400, extension 211. A certified SHINE Medicare counselor is available at the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 by appointment

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American Legion meets March 9

BARRE – Barre Post 2 of the American Legions Executive Board meets every second Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at Post Quarters, 450 South Barre Road. The regular monthly meeting follows at 7 p.m. This month’s meeting will be held Monday, March 9. All veterans are welcome.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of March 9.  
Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.  
**MON.** – BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread  
**TUES.** – Meatballs with onion gravy, gemelli pasta, summer corn, fruited ambrosia, marble rye bread  
**WED.** – Marinated pork loin, herbed potatoes, peas and onions, gingerbread, yogurt  
**THURS.** – Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, sour cream, pita bread, pineapple  
**FRI.** – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, brownie, diet = half piece, Italian bread  
\*Diabetic friendly dessert  
\*\*Higher sodium entree  
Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Finance Committee – March 5 at 6 p.m.  
QRSD Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – March 9 at 4 p.m.  
Board of Health – March 9 at 5 p.m.  
Age and Dementia Friendly Committee – March 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – March 9 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – March 10 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – March 11 at 7 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – March 12 at 3 p.m.  
Insurance Advisory Committee – March 12 at 3 p.m.  
Planning Board – March 17 at 7 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – March 19 at 4:30 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – March 5 at 7 p.m.  
Town Hall Advisory Committee – March 5 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – March 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – March 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – March 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – March 12 at 9:30 a.m.  
Parks and Recreation Committee – March 12 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – March 13 at 4 p.m.  
Finance Committee – March 16 at 5 p.m.  
Wheelwright Water District – March 16 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – March 17 at 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Library Trustees – March 5 and March 12 at 7 p.m.  
Historical Commission – March 7 at 10 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen – March 16 and March 30 at 6:30 p.m..  
Town Center Committee – March 19 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – March 26 at 10:30 a.m.  
Open Space Committee – March 31 at 7 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – March 9 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – March 5 at 7 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee – March 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – March 9 at 10 a.m.  
Advisory Finance Committee – March 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
Petersham Historic District – March 11 and March 19 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – March 12 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – March 19 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – March 26 at 7 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – March 5 at 7 p.m.  
Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – March 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 12:45 p.m.  
Conservation Commission site walks – March 7 at 10 a.m.  
4th of July Committee – Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – March 16 at 6 p.m.

## Nipmuc storyteller visits Petersham

PETERSHAM – The local Nipmuc Indigenous tribe has persisted in Central Massachusetts for nearly 8,000 years in spite of recent centuries of colonization, industrialization and assimilation. The rich cultural history of the Nipmucs will be shared through story and Native American Teachings by Larry “Spotted Crow” Mann, noted Nipmuc storyteller in a program entitled “When the Land Speaks” Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. in the Petersham Town Hall, Main Street. The free program will explore the dynamic relationship between land, people and nature through the eyes of the Native Americans of New England. Many of the stories can be related to the Nichewaug Section of land area surrounding the massive Quabbin Reservoir, which was original Nipmuc land.

Larry “Spotted Crow” Mann is a member of Nipmuc Tribe and resident of Massachusetts. He is an award winning writer, poet, cultural educator, traditional story teller, tribal drummer /dancer and motivational speaker involving youth sobriety, cultural and environmental awareness. His work has taken him across the United States, Canada and parts of Europe. Mann is also a board member of the Nipmuk Cultural Preservation Trust, which is an organization set up to promote the

cultural, social and spiritual needs of Nipmuc Tribe. “Spotted Crow’s” work with Cultural Preservation Trust draws a special connection to Petersham where the trust now has legal title to twenty-one (21) acres of Earthlands land in the Eastern section of town and where they will create a Native American cultural and education center for both native and non-native people. In the town of Petersham and the surrounding communities there is support for the return of original land to the local documented Indigenous People. Such support was shown in August 2019 when over one-hundred (100) Nipmucs, town residents and the public came to a land return ceremony.

Mann’s Tales from the Whispering Basket, is a collection of short stories and poetry has been internationally acclaimed. Mann skillfully brings forth the oral tradition in this brilliantly woven Collection of Legends, that beckon the Spirit of the Land and the Ancient Voices that still have so much to teach us all.

For Larry Buell, Petersham native and founder of Earthlands, one of the organizers of the story tell-



Larry “Spotted Crow” Mann

ing event was moved by one of the stories in the Whispering Basket book. For Buell, the tale of the Whispering Basket is a quintessential Native American teaching story made relevant where ancient indigenous roots are played out in a modern cultural scene. Buell goes

on to say that the message of this one story “helped to convince me and my family to return land to the Nipmuc Nation.” A number of local environmental related organizations like, Harvard Forest, Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon, Quabbin Visitor Center, Millers River Environmental Center and the Nolumbeka Center in Turners Falls have been invited to share their work at the Sunday program. Funding for the program came from the Petersham Cultural Council and is sponsored by the University of the Wild, a special project of the Wild Earth Institute, Inc. The program is free and open to the public. For more information on Larry “Spotted Crow” Mann, people may visit [www.whisperingbasket.com](http://www.whisperingbasket.com). For information on the program, people may contact Dr. Larry Buell at [larry@UofWild.org](mailto:larry@UofWild.org), call 978-855-1420 or visit [www.universityofthewild.org](http://www.universityofthewild.org).

## Hardwick

## Band of Voices seeks new members

HARDWICK – Band of Voices (BoV), a community chorus of singers from several area towns including Hardwick, Barre, New Braintree, Oakham, Petersham, Hubbardston and Ware welcomes new members. Director Nan Kaipainen

Gibbons and the Band of Voices invite people to its open rehearsals in March at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the Hardwick Town House, on the Common. No auditions are required. BoV performs two full concerts each year, one

in June and one in December. The chorus also participates in various local events. For more information about the group, people may visit them on Facebook or contact Barbara Larson at [blarson1116@gmail.com](mailto:blarson1116@gmail.com).

## Historical society to host Frank Bly art exhibit

HARDWICK — The Hardwick Historical Society is hosting a two-day art exhibition featuring local artist, Frank J. Bly. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and see some of his famous Quabbin paintings and surrounding towns.

It will be held at the Hardwick Town House Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 from noon-4 p.m. both days. The historical museum will be also open for viewing during the event. Light refreshments will be served.

This is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible for those in need. This is a rare opportunity to meet local artist, Frank Bly.

## Hardwick residents have a chance to help history

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Town House Advisory Committee, with the support of the Hardwick Select Board, is creating a fundraising project to support the painting of the exterior of the Hardwick Town House. While a very significant number of improvements have been made over the last several years, a quick look at the outside of the building makes it obvious that painting is very much needed if the town is to prevent deterioration of this beautiful, historic

building that plays an important role in the community. There are two phases to this program. First, the Advisory Committee is applying for a grant to cover half the cost of the painting. The other half of the cost will have to come from funds raised to cover Committee’s share. That’s what this request is all about: raising the necessary money to meet our share for the grant.

So far, the THAC has maintained a gift fund under Town auspices. Now the Committee has begun the fundraising effort

by asking the public for donations. Committee members have contacted all their known potential donors and now it is time to ask other town residents to support this effort to preserve the Town House. So, all town residents who wish to support this project to protect the town’s beautiful, historic building can make a donation to the Town House Gift Account and mail it to: Town of Hardwick ATTN: Lucinda Childs/TownHouse Gift Account, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

## Oakham

Ellenor Downer

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## OHA lists lottery winners

The Oakham Historical Association (OHA) announces the February winners in the annual 20-20 lottery fundraiser: Junice Eisenhart of Virginia Beach, VA (two time winner), Joe Young of Cutler Bay, FL, Lloyd Amesbury of Woonsocket, R.I., Thatcher Leblanc of Whitinsville, Virginia Vaughan of Worcester and Bill Mucha (two time winner) and Marcia Dwelly, both of Oakham. The contest began Jan. 7 with two drawings per week and will have two \$50 winners each week until March 12 when the fundraiser ends. Each ticket costs \$20 and is valid for 20 drawings. Ticket holders can win more than once. A check is automatically mailed to the individual whose ticket number matches the middle two digits drawn in the Tuesday and Thursday evening Massachusetts Daily Number lottery. The association greatly appreciates the generous support given to this annual fundraising effort.

### Prayer shawl group

The Prayer shawl group will meet Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church. The group meets the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of the month. The Thursday meeting is at the Fobes Memorial Library, Maple Street, at 6 p.m.

### UFO group

UnFinihsed Object (UFO) group will meets the third Wednesday of the month in the Oakham Congregational Church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18.

### Church news

The adult choir sang “Table of Grace” by Pepper Choplin during the 10 a.m. worship service at the Oakham Congregational Church. The Rev. Timothy Hanley’s sermon was entitled “Smartest Person in the Room.”

## DCR to offer public program on NEON

BELCHERTOWN – Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. the Quabbin Visitor Center will host a free public program on “The National Ecological Observatory Network: Open Data to Understand How Our Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems Are Changing.” Kristin Godfrey, northeast regional manager for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON), will discuss how the program collects and provides open data from NEON field sites across the U.S. that show how the nation’s ecosystems are changing. NEON maintains several monitoring sites in the Quabbin watershed that have been collecting data for several years. One of NEON’s goals is to contribute to a better understanding of how human activities impact ecology and how society can more effectively address critical ecological issues.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, people may contact the center at 413-323-7221.

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It will be nice to have it lighter in the evening. I did get out a couple of times to rake up some areas that are bare ground but we still have a lot of snow in the backyard close to the house where the snow is blown with the snow blower. Hopefully that will melt soon so I can get to the gardens and rake them out. I don't rake the leaves out in the fall of the gardens so there is a lot to do.

Do you know what a Paraproisdokian is? I didn't until I got this email about them. They are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. It is said that Winston Churchill loved them. An example of one would be "Where there's a will, I want to be in it." I try to learn something knew every day.

Something else I have as a New Year resolution was to contact a friend at least once a day. I have kept in contact with my grammar school classmates since 1950.

Recently my youngest daughter gave me a book called, "Your Story" and asked me to write in it. I have spent the past week doing so and it has brought back so many memories of my 83 years of life. Every mother should write

such a book for their children. It took some time of looking up dates etc., but it should be worth it to the children and grandchildren.

I really look back and cherish my childhood. It was such a fun time that we made our own fun. We didn't spend out time looking at I-pads and think the children of today will not have fond memories like I do. I probably spend too much time on the computer but that is another story.

Here is the recipe for this week that I think the readers will enjoy.

**APPLE PUDDING**  
1 egg, beaten slightly  
3/4 cup sugar  
5 Tablespoons flour  
1 1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup finely cut raw apple, pared and peeled  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Add sugar gradually to beaten egg. Stir dry ingredients. Mix with spoon and add vanilla. Stir in apples and nuts. Bake in greased pie plate until brown and firm to the touch, about 30 to 35 minutes in 350 degree oven. Isn't that an easy recipe?

**This and That**

I finished the tablemat for my oldest daughter and need to get to some of the sewing unfinished projects before gardening season.

I have been surprised how easy it is to grow orchids and I have two that re-bloomed so I purchased another one from Walmart. They have been getting some nice houseplants in but have to wait until the weather is above freezing to bring them home. My east window seems to be the window that the orchids love. I also have a surprise coming on the only amaryllis I have. A bud has come instead of just leaves. Not sure what color it will be.

I made a batch of chili yesterday and after you add all the beans it makes a very big batch which we will be eating several days. I suppose I could freeze some.

Because of the virus the health people are advising that you keep a stock of supplies such as canned goods, paper products and prescription medicines in case you have to be quarantined. It is a little scary. I don't think I would travel out of this country right now. Have a good week and stay healthy.

# In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

For the past week or so, I've been seeing turkey vultures. Since turkey vultures are migratory in the North, it is a sign that spring is not far away. The turkey vulture is 26 to 32 inches long with a wingspan of about six feet. It soars overhead with a slight dihedral, a shallow V and rocks back and forth. At close range, the small naked red head of the adult is visible. Young birds have blackish heads. The tips of the wings have a finger like appearance.

An eagle when soaring holds its wings in a flat plane, has a larger head and shorter tail.

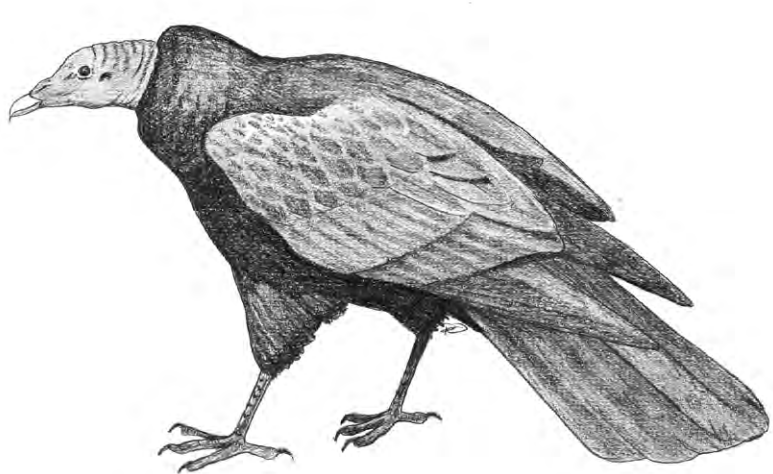
When overhead, the turkey vulture's two toned blackish wings are evident. The turkey vulture does not kill live prey and eats only dead flesh preferring fresh carrion. However, they will eat decaying carcasses. They also eat pumpkins, juniper berries and grapes. Turkey vultures ride thermals and are often seen soaring. They also will perch in a tree or land on the ground. Sometimes, they land in roadways to eat road kill.

**Red-winged blackbird**

I saw my first red-winged blackbird of the 2020 season on the Primary Election Day. A solitary male was eating sunflower seeds on my tray feeder. Only the white part of its red, yellow and white epaulets were showing.

**Flocks of Canada geese**

I am noticing large flocks of



**Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this turkey vulture.**

Canada geese in fields, on open water or along the Ware River. I also hear them honking as they fly overhead. I imagine that these flocks are returning from the south rather than geese that overwintered in the area.

Yesterday on my way home from work, I spotted a large flock of Canada geese in a field by the State Police Academy in New Braintree. I saw two geese flying toward the flock and watched them draw in their wings to land.

**Birds at the feeder**

I had an American goldfinch eating seeds off the ground. It was a male and starting to show its breeding plumage of white

rump, black crown and yellow head, breast and belly.

I still have tufted titmice, black-capped chickadees, blue jays, juncos, white-breasted nuthatches, downy woodpeckers and mourning doves. I fill my tray feeder with black oil sunflower seeds, shelled peanuts and a handful of mealworms every morning.

I know black bears are coming out of hibernation so only put out a small amount and only in the morning.

People may report a bird sighting or bird experience by calling 413-967-3505, extension 100 or email either mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

## Guest column

## Adventures of Gertrude, the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear folks,

Missy and I have been on a vacation. She went one way and I went the other. She took me to a Cat Motel or a Cat Boarding Home. It really wasn't too bad. I had my own room with a small comfortable bed and at the back of the room there was an opening so that a cat could go outside to a cat run. There was a potty out there as well as inside and dishes of water and plenty of food. You could see other cats nearby, but they were not in your yard. Some of them were rather noisy with their meows, but not me.

After exploring I went back inside and had a nice nap. I hated that journey getting here and I am

not looking forward to going back home. The food is good, but I miss my special treats and buttered toast bits in the morning. I know I am a spoiled cat. Hooray, Missy and I are back to civilization in our own home. I have been especially loving and hope I don't have to go away again soon. I really think Missy is glad to be home too. She was disappointed in her tour.

She went shopping today and bought me some of my special treats, which I am thoroughly enjoying this morning. I hope she will have buttered toast bits for me tomorrow morning. The newspapers have mounted up while we



were gone and I think I will mess with them. Unfortunately Missy took all the nice magazines and catalogs to the dump last week. Those do slide off the desk shelf nicely and make lots of fun as well as the papers.

Maybe I better just take a nap in that big box now that it is back in its proper place. You will remember Timothy and I had tipped it over the week before my vacation. Missy will have to look twice to find and scold me about the papers. Oh, it's so good to be back home.

Love,  
**Gertrude**

## SELECTMEN, continued from page 1

Gaston Pond is a shallow 16-acre plus pond and a popular recreation area.

The two selectmen present, Matthew Urban and Greg O'Sullivan, voted to authorize town counsel to send a letter to the DCR asking them for proof of town ownership and to suspend all deadlines for dam repairs until ownership determined.

**Town administrator Screening Committee**

Selectmen appointed Jason Pimental to the Town Administrator Screening Committee to fill a vacancy. One of the members withdrew from the committee. At the time of the original appointments,

selectmen felt a possible conflict of interest in appointing Pimental as he is the DPW superintendent. The DPW fell under the jurisdiction of the DPW Commission and not the town administrator.

**Master Plan**

Doug Martin of the planning board and executive director, Janet Pierce and deputy director, Trish Settles of Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) attended the Monday night selectmen's meeting to discuss the process of developing a Master Plan. The last Master Plan for Barre was in 2003. Some advantages of a Master Plan included better bond rating and availability of grants. Settles said the town could take a phase approach to its Master Plan. She said the town might want to

start with the open space component of the plan as it received a grant to address open space.

One of the first steps would be for selectmen to form a Master Plan Committee that would include representation from the planning board, conservation committee, members of the community and the Barre Business Community.

**Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee**

Selectmen appointed Michael Wood as alternate member to the Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy. The town of Barre had three representatives - two full members, one from the Barre Historical Society, one appointed by selectmen and the alternate, also appointed by selectmen.

## ALL THINGS IRISH, continued from page 1

since 1979, including international humanitarian programs for victims of conflict. The Polus Center's focus in Massachusetts is providing training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities, especially youth and adults who are blind or low vision.

There is no charge for this

fun filled night, though donations are welcome and appreciated, made possible through generous donations from local cultural councils and sponsors, including Avidia Bank and Cherie Benoit Realty. There is a cash bar, and a Shepherd's Pie meal, with salad and homemade Irish soda bread, will be served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for \$10. Cookies from Cakes by

Amanda, hot dogs and a potato bar will also be available for sale throughout the night. An Irish themed raffle includes a beautiful lamp from Reflections and tickets to A Celtic Sojourn in Northampton. To learn more, people may go to www.poluscenter.org, email poluscenteroffice@gmail.com or call Theresa or Robert Kane at 978-270-2457.

two chimney fires this past week – one on the Valley Road near the Barre Ski Tow and another at the Putnam home on Mechanic Street.

A Talent Night will be the program for the regular meeting of the Junior Grange No. 132. Miss Lynn Berube is in charge of refreshments. Several members of the group participated in the Worcester West Pomona night held in Barre recently. The skit was written by Darlene Johnson and she was assisted by Gloria A. Johnson, Lynn Berube, Wayne and Kevin Day and Eric Hunting.

Beard Chevrolet-Pontiac, Inc., at the corner of Broad and School streets in Barre, closed its doors last week after 35 years

## PAST PAGES, continued from page 4

during the service of worship on March 12. Committee members include: Carol Erickson and Scott Davis, campaign co-administrators; Priscilla Briggs, brochure; Douglas Briggs, evaluation; Julian Hunt, witnessing and steward recruitment; Nelson Calkins, capital gifts; Shelley Bracebridge, publicity; Ruth Briggs, group meetings; Anne Davis, office support and forms; Ramey Erickson, recording; and Kathy Highland, follow-up.

38 years ago (March 10, 1982)

In addition to the fire which destroyed the Gauthier home on West Street, the Barre Fire Department also responded to

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# Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MARCH 5

**Q-DRUG PRESENTS ‘YOUR STORY MATTERS’** ice cream social and shared experiences of recovery, at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 6 p.m. All are welcome to share their own personal experiences with recovery, or that of a family member or loved one. This event is open to the whole community, they welcome everyone to join them in celebrating recovery in the community. This event is sponsored by Wholesome Foods and Becki’s Bistro.

**MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS** will be held on Thursdays at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre from 10:30-11:45 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Making Opportunity Count with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

**SENIOR YOGA** will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 9-10 a.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays. Cost is \$5. These sessions are “chair yoga,” which means you remain seated (no getting up and down off the floor, etc.). They are primarily stretching, breathing and meditation exercises, which are not physically demanding. For more information, people may visit [www.listeningwellness.org](http://www.listeningwellness.org) or call 978-355-3501. People do not need to be a senior to participate.

**POOL** will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 9 a.m.

**BINGO** will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:15 a.m.

**WHIST** will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:30 a.m.

**SENIOR LUNCH** will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m. Call Jayne at 978-355-5027 to reserve your meal or Worcester Elder Services at 508-799-8070 and a \$2.50 donation is appreciated.

**BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, 18 Common St., is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and always by appointment. To schedule an appointment, people may call Margaret Marshall at 978-257-7653. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about local history.

**STORY TIME** for 3 years olds will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

**FREE KNITTING LESSONS** will be offered at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville for anyone that is 12 years of age or older. The lessons will be offered on Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m. and will be free of charge. Knitting needles and yarn will be supplied. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

**WALKING CLUB** will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

**HUBBARDSTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS BY MOC** will be offered at the center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF ART** will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick, every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. This program is for those who want to explore art media, to share ideas or to just work in a group setting. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704, email director. [paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:paigelibrary@gmail.com), visit [www.paigelibrary.com](http://www.paigelibrary.com) or [www.facebook.com/paigelibrary](http://www.facebook.com/paigelibrary).

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Where is this?



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**This week’s mystery photo is from Hardwick. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, March 9. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Paul Carlson, Dick Clark, Sandy Fritscher and James T. Higgins correctly identified last week’s photo. Last week’s photo was the Michael Ryder monument on Barre Plains Common, Barre.**

**KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB** meets at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville every Thursday from 2:30-4 p.m. New people with any skill level are always welcome to join the group. In addition to their own hand-crafted projects, they will be making hats, mittens and sweaters for children in Gilbertville as well as contributing some of these items to the World Vision/Knit for Kids Organization. The Naughty but Nice Stitchers are asking for donations of unused yarns and size 7 or 8 knitting needles for use on these projects. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

**TEA AT THREE** will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick on Thursdays at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy tea (or coffee), treats and talk. For more information, people may email director.[paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:paigelibrary@gmail.com), call 413-477-6704 or visit either [www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/) or [www.paigelibrary.com](http://www.paigelibrary.com).

**VENTURE CREW 6** is a co-ed, high-adventure outing club in Gardner for young people ages 14-20. They meet the first and third Thursdays of every month, and have at least one adventure each month. Sometimes they meet at a mountain, a lake or bike trail. People can find out where they will be meeting at [www.GardnerVenturing.org](http://www.GardnerVenturing.org).

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

**MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS** will be held on Fridays at the Hardwick Youth/Family Center, located above the police station/municipal offices, 307 Main St., Gilbertville from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Making Opportunity Count with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

**CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION** meets at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre every Friday morning at 10 a.m. for creation and conversation. All are welcome to attend.

**CRIBBAGE** will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.

**ADULT COLORING GROUP** will be held on the first, third, fourth and fifth Friday of every month at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville from 6-7 p.m. The library will provide supplies and people are welcome to bring their own. For more information, people may call the library at 413-477-6312.

**PITCH** will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston, the first and third Fridays of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB (CYC)** will meet on Fridays at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Christian Youth Club features food, games/activities and age-appropriate Bible discussions for those who attend (K-12). This

is a great place to make friends, have fun, and discover how faith in Christ can impact daily living. There is no cost to participate. For more information, people may contact Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org).

**MOTHER GOOSE TIME** for 0-2 year olds will be held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

**BOOK CLUB** will be held on the first Friday of each month at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville from 6-7 p.m.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** will be offered by the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC and Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough in the church office, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield on Fridays at 5 p.m. Sessions will be offered for 6 weeks with a 2 week break between the next. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can sign up for this program. The group is open to all ages and all kinds of losses. People may call the church office at 508-867-7078 to indicate they will be attending or email [1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com](mailto:1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com).

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

**57TH ANNUAL HAM AND BEAN SUPPER** will be hosted by Barre Boy Scout Troop 26 at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre from 5-7 p.m. The all-you-can-eat dinner of ham, beans, salad, rolls and apple crisp has been a family favorite meal served up by the Boy Scouts for over 56 years. Advance tickets are available by calling Scoutmaster Aaron Casey at 774-922-2591, Committee Chair Ronald Rich Jr. at 978-355-4984 or any Scout.

**‘ALL THINGS IRISH’** event will be held at the Barre American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Rd., Barre from 4-9 p.m. There will be live music, Shillelagh awards, step dancers, food, raffles and cash bar. Admission is free. Donations welcome. All proceeds support the Polus Center for Social and Economic Development, Inc. For more information, people may visit [www.poluscenter.org](http://www.poluscenter.org) or call 978-724-3342.

**CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** will be held at the Rutland Congregational Church, Rte. 122A, Rutland at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a complete corned beef dinner including gingerbread for dessert. There will also be macaroni and cheese and hot dogs for children who do not appreciate corned beef. Adults are \$12.50, children ages 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are free. Take-out dinners are available. For reservations, people may call 508-886-4453.

**‘SPRING PRUNING’ SEMINAR** will be presented by Rich Giordano of All Hill Farm at the Hardwick Farmers’ Co-op, Lower Rd., Hardwick at 10:30 a.m. Learn about proper pruning tools and how to maintain them for easier pruning, the basics of how and why to prune, as well as the popular topic of restoring old apple trees and much more. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, people may call 413-477-6913 or sign up at the register.

**KNITTING** will be offered at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick today, March 14 and 21. Children in grades 2-12 will be from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and adults (any and all skill levels) will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is required by calling 413-477-6004.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

**PETERSHAM DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS** will be held in the Petersham Town Hall, lower level, 1 South Main St., Petersham at 4 p.m. to elect delegates and an alternate to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention to be held May 30 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Petersham. Pre-registered Democrats who were 16 by Feb. 15, 2020 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Petersham can elect two delegates and one alternate to the Convention. Youth, minorities,

people with disabilities, and LGBT individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org). For more information, people may contact Henry Woolsey at 978-771-2173 or at [henrywoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:henrywoolsey@gmail.com).

**LIZ REILLY TO SPEAK** at the Tri-Parish Community Church’s 10 a.m. service at the New Braintree Congregational Church. For decades, Liz has operated the Hardwick Food Pantry in the basement of the Hardwick Town Hall in Gilbertville. Service is followed by fellowship in the dining hall. All are welcome to attend and help the parish grow.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** “Active Hope: How To Face The Mess We’re In Without Going Crazy” will be co-facilitated by Willow Embry and Rita Renee Toll-DuBois in Listening Wellness Center’s Yoga Studio, 35 South St., Barre on Sundays through March 15 from 3-4:30 p.m. The Active Hope book discussion group is free and all are welcome. Please RSVP by Feb. 2 to [willowembry@gmail.com](mailto:willowembry@gmail.com). You will be sent a follow-up email with the agenda for the 6 book discussion groups with further details and any changes and updates.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

**BARRE POST 2 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING** will be held at post quarters, 450 South Barre Rd., Barre at 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend. The Executive Board meets prior to the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BARRE UNIT 2 MEETING** will be held at post quarters, 450 South Barre Rd., Barre. The Refreshment Committee consists of Brenda Rossi, chairman, as well as Adryanna Rossi, Kirsten Grudzinskas and Becky Swenson.

**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre at noon. The luncheon consists of soup and salad. Please bring a salad fixing. Soup will be provided. Dessert will be make-your-own sundaes.

**LINE DANCING** will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 11 a.m. to noon with dance instructor J.P. Ellery. People of all ages and from surrounding towns are welcome to attend.

**TAI CHI CLASSES** will be led by Barre resident Roger Currier at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., at 1 p.m. Classes are expected to last 30-45 minutes. Classes are planned for 3 days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a cost of \$5 per week (for 3 classes). This form of Tai Chi is geared toward seniors and is designed to gently loosen muscles, joints and strengthen one’s inner core. It is not rigorous and does not involve physical exertion. To sign up for the class or for more information, people may call the senior center at 978-355-5004.

**WII BOWLING** will be played every Monday at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 2 p.m.

**BINGO** will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 12:30 p.m.

**ADULT COLORING GROUP** will meet at Haston Free Public Library, North Brookfield every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Coloring pages and pencils are available or people can bring their own supplies. All are welcome. For more information, people may call the library at 508-867-0208.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

**BARRE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, on the Common, Park St., Barre. They welcome volunteers in the evening between 6:30-8:30 p.m. to help set up the room and sort, date and pre-bag donated groceries for free distribution the next day. Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students who come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

**MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS** will be held on Tuesdays at MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE), 21 Allen Dr., Barre from 10-11:15 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Making Opportunity Count with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

**ART** group will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 for 5 classes with supplies included.

**BINGO** will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

**CRIBBAGE** will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

**SCAT** will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

**QUILTING CLASSES** will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for 10 weeks.

**SWINGING SINGING SENIORS** will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.



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# North Brookfield

## NBSB to host home buyers night

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Thursday, April 30 from 6-8 p.m., North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Mortgage Center Team will host a free buyers and brews home buyers night at Oakholm Brewing Company, a new homegrown brewery that is opening to the public in the near future and sits upon the 116-acre farm and oak filled forest located at 80 Lake Road in Brookfield.

Anyone considering buying or refinancing a home are invited to pre-register for this evening event, which will offer attendees the opportunity to learn about the home buying process, start to finish, from mortgage, real estate and legal professionals all while enjoying the atmosphere of Oakholm Brewing Company. Registered guests can try Oakholm’s craft beer and will be served a delicious dinner courtesy of North Brookfield Savings Bank. They will also take home a \$250 off closing costs coupon\* and each have a chance to win a \$200 Lowe’s® gift card\*\*.

Pre-registrations are required and can be submitted at [NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight](http://NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight), by calling 508-867-1302 or by visiting any branch location.

“North Brookfield Savings Bank is happy to welcome interested buyers and refinancers to join us at Oakholm Brewing Company for our Buyers and Brews Home Buyers Night. We look forward to providing those who attend with all the essential home buying information, while they enjoy a relaxing evening, in a great place, and connect with knowledgeable local experts,” said North Brookfield Savings Director of Mortgage Lending and Business Development Frank Amato. “We intentionally craft this to be a stress-free event, in a fun and infor-

native environment, so attendees can begin or continue their home owning experience positively.”

Frank Amato, one of the North Brookfield Savings Bank’s mortgage experts and director of mortgage lending and business development, will begin the event by sharing his lending expertise, helpful tips and advice and answer any questions from the guests. Following, additional guest speakers and experts in their fields, Michelle Terry of EXIT Realty, with offices located in Brookfield, Spencer and Belchertown, Joel Cranston of the Law Offices of Cranston & Cranston, P.C., out of Barre, and Sheila Orsi, kitchen and bath designer of Howe Lumber located in East Brookfield will share their knowledge and give a full view of the home owning, designing and buying process.

Schedule of events include: 6 p.m. registration and dinner, 6:30 p.m. presentation, 7:15 p.m. questions and answers and 7:45 p.m. gift giveaway.

Oakholm Farm, which was purchased by the Predellas in 2017, has already made itself known as a breathtaking and sought-after wedding venue. It is also now a place for families and friends to gather, enjoy time picking their own blueberries and raspberries, in addition to picking out their holiday tree during the Christmas season.

The farm is taking on a new adventure and is close to opening its doors to the public for their Oakholm Brewing Company project. The new taproom is where the North Brookfield Savings Bank buyers and brews home buyers night. To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank, all of the convenient banking products and services offered or other educational opportunities provided by the bank, people visit

[NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).

\*\$250 off closing costs offer valid for a limited time only and may be withdrawn at any time. Coupon must be presented at the time of application. Use code “Home Buyers 2020” in the comments section when applying online. Limit one per household. This offer is only valid on owner-occupied mortgages for qualified borrowers and is not valid for a home equity line of credit, fixed equity loan or for the refinancing of a mortgage currently held with North Brookfield Savings Bank. All loan applications are subject to credit underwriting and property approval. \$250 credit will be applied at closing. Coupon is not redeemable for cash. Other conditions may also apply. \*\*Lowe’s® gift card drawing is open to all attendees and they are not required to be a customer to enter. Entrant need not be present during the time of drawing to win. Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. One entry per individual. To be eligible to win individual must attend the Home Buyers Night on April 30, 2020. Agents and employees of North Brookfield Savings Bank and their family members are not eligible to win. Promotion begins on April 30, 2020 and can end at any time. Winner will be drawn no later than May 1, 2020. Void where prohibited by law. No purchase necessary. Lowe’s® is not a participant in or sponsor of this promotion. North Brookfield Savings Bank’s NMLS unique identifier is 641656.

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

## NBSB lists promotions of mortgage lending team members

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank (NNSB) announces the promotions of Frank Amato, Caitlin Burns and Michael Terlalis, members of the bank’s mortgage center team, with their primary office location at 35 Summer St., North Brookfield.

“Frank, Caitlin and Mike all have vast experience within the mortgage lending field and a comprehensive background in customer service,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank president and CEO Donna Boulanger. “They strengthen our Mortgage Center team, ensuring we provide our customers looking to finance a home with the best lending experience, from start to finish. They are most definitely an asset to our customers and the NBSB family.”

Frank Amato of Longmeadow has been promoted to the role of vice president, director of mortgage lending and business development. He began his career with the North Brookfield Savings Bank in 2018 as vice president, residential lending manager. He quickly demonstrated himself to be a valuable addition to the Mortgage Center team and a respected and appreciated resource to the customers of the area.

In his new role, he will continue to manage the residential mortgage department and assist customers with their home buying goals. In addition, he will further develop and manage the North Brookfield Savings Bank business development program in order to cultivate new prospective customers and build relationships in the bank’s communities.

Amato holds a Bachelor’s Degree in finance from Stonehill College and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 204101. Previous to joining North Brookfield Savings Bank, he successfully managed a team of loan officers and originated loans as the Assistant Sales Manager at Citizens Bank. Prior to that he was a vice president of production and senior loan officer at first alliance lending where he oversaw the sales and processing teams to ensure high quality customer service was provided and origination practices were met.

“I am happy to be recognized with this promotion. I look forward to continue to work with our community members to help make their dreams of homeownership possible,” said NBSB vice



Frank Amato



Caitlin Burns



Michael Terlalis

president / director of mortgage lending and business development, Frank Amato. “I am also eager to take on the responsibility of business development program and look forward to further growing North Brookfield Savings Banks relationship within our communities.”

Caitlin Burns, of West Brookfield, has been promoted to assistant vice president / residential lending manager. She began her career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a loan servicing representative and through career advancements has since held various titles, with her most recent title being assistant vice president and Underwriter/Closer. She holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Worcester State University and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 968666.

In her new position, Burns will be responsible for overseeing the residential mortgage department in the origination, underwriting and servicing of all mortgage loans, as well as ensuring residential lending policies and procedures best serve the bank and its customers.

“I look forward to growing in my new role and taking on the additional responsibility as Residential Lending Manager. I love to help customers along their home financing journey and I always aim to give them the best possible lending experience,” said Caitlin Burns, Assistant Vice President and Residential Lending Manager of NBSB. “As a local myself, I enjoy helping those within our communities, whether it be through a lending based connection or through community outreach.”

Michael Terlalis of Ashford, Conn, has been promoted to Senior Mortgage Underwriter. He began his career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a Mortgage Loan Processor in 2018.

In his new role, Terlalis will focus largely on offering support to customers throughout the process of obtaining a mortgage, as well as verifying, reviewing, evaluating and preparing mortgage loans for approval and loan commitment. In addition, he will be responsible for processing and preparing loans for closing.

Terlalis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Central Connecticut State University, is a Certified Master Mortgage Underwriter through the National Association of Mortgage Underwriters and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 1039303.

“I enjoy working with the Mortgage Center team at North Brookfield Savings Bank and interacting with our customers as they explore their financing options. It is great to be a part of a person’s home buying or refinancing experience and to provide them with the tools they need to make their goals become reality,” said Michael Terlalis, North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Mortgage Underwriter. “I am very happy for this recognition and look forward to continuing my growth with the team and the bank.”

Amato, Burns and Terlalis are currently members of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Central Massachusetts South Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

If people are looking to learn more about the home buying process North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Mortgage Center team will be hosting a Buyers and Brews Home Buyers Night Thursday, April 30 from 6-8 p.m. at Oakham Brewing Company. More details and registrations are accepted by visiting [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight).

## Free legal help hotline rescheduled

The Hampden County Bar Association sincerely apologizes to those who attempted to call the Legal Help Hotline that was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27. Due to technical difficulties, the phones were not working properly and did not ring. The Hampden County Bar Association and Western New England University School of Law have resched-

uled the Legal Help Hotline to Thursday, March 12 from 4-7 p.m. The volunteers will provide legal advice on a variety of topics including Divorce and Family Law, Bankruptcy, Business, Landlord/Tenant and Real Estate. Individuals needing advice should call 413-796-2057 to speak to a volunteer.

Founded in 1864, the Hampden

County Bar Association is a non-profit organization representing the interests of lawyers, the justice system and the public in Hampden County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It provides professional support, education and networking opportunities to its members and advocacy on behalf of lawyers, the judiciary and the public.

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and 1 precinct 2) cast a Libertarian ballot and New Braintree had one voter. No one in Oakham voted the Libertarian ballot.

In Barre 1,252 (669 precinct 1 and 579 precinct 2) with 4 hand counted ballots of the 3,780 (1,903 precinct 1 and 1,877 precinct 2) registered voters went to the polls. In New Braintree the number was 280 voters of the 760 registered voters and Oakham 519 of the 1,354 registered voters.

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Tuesday, March 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Ware Senior Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hardwick Town Offices and from 1-2 p.m. at the Wales Senior Center

Wednesday, March 18 from noon-1 p.m. at the Palmer Senior Center and from 4-5 p.m. at the Winchendon Town Hall

Monday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Charlton Senior Center and 2-3 p.m. at the Monson Town Hall.

Tuesday, March 24 from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Athol Senior Center

Wednesday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Templeton Town Hall, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Petersham Town Offices and from 3-4 p.m. at the Phillipston Town Hall

Monday, March 30 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Oakham Senior Center

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things of most concern was this budget did not include coaches for math at the middle school level. The elementary schools have coaches and the district hoped to have them at the middle school level. She also wanted to add support staff for the high school intervention program that works with students at risk of dropping out. It was not in this budget.

Mark Wigler, chair of the budget subcommittee, said there was an “interesting meeting in Hubbardston.” He said Hubbardston would have a hard time meeting its assessment. Town assessments under the new budget proposal would be 7.49 percent Barre, 10.12 percent Hardwick, 7.8 percent Hubbardston, 6.4 percent New Braintree and 7.79 percent Oakham.

Wigler said people at the

Hubbardston meeting with selectmen, town administrator and finance committee discussed a proposition 2.5 override. Wigler said overrides in Hubbardston had not passed in the past.

The budget subcommittee approved the \$36,023,026 budget to present to the full school committee and at the public budget hearing Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Educational Support Center, 872 South St. The QRSD committee had a quorum, but not enough to take the required 2/3 majority weighted vote to approve the budget. The committee will vote on the budget at the March 12 meeting before the start of the public hearing that night. A copy of the FY21 budget is available for review on the school’s website at [www.qrzd.org](http://www.qrzd.org) or at the Educational Support Center Tuesday, March 10 beginning at noon.

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achieve European recognition as a virtuoso pianist, he charged his wildly popular compositions with unmistakably Latin American and Creole melodies, harmonies, and rhythms. Edward MacDowell, creator of an American musical idiom, studied in France and Germany and was encouraged by composer Franz Liszt. He became founding faculty of the Department of Music at Columbia University in 1897 and co-founded The MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire in 1907. George Gershwin’s music bridges classical and popular genres, reflecting the energy and power of a developing America in the 20th century. Broadway songs by Leonard Bernstein and others, Duke Ellington’s soulful vocal

pieces, and other favorites selected by the talented performers round out this exciting program.

These concerts open Gilbertville’s historic Stone Church to the public, inviting them to enjoy the remarkable fruits of our ongoing restoration work. Proceeds benefit the preservation and stabilization of this 1874 Victorian Gothic building, designed by Worcester architect Elbridge Boyden. Since 2015, Friends of the Stone Church have secured three matching grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and one from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in 2018.

Friends of the Stone Church is a nonprofit community organization. Donations are gratefully accepted by check to FOSC, PO Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031, or through [FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org](http://FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org).

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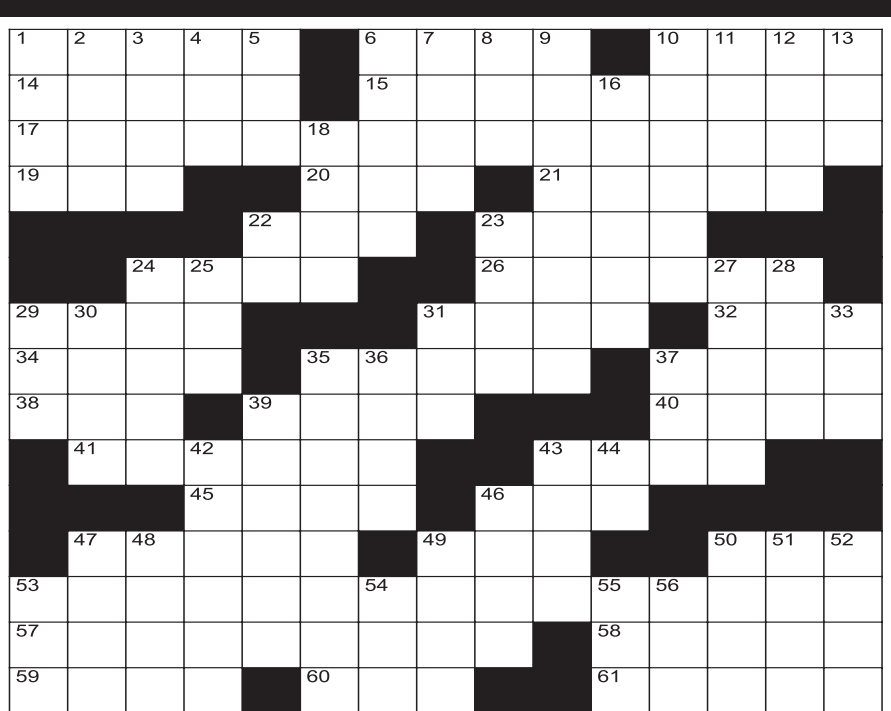
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Education

Quabbin High receives Workforce Skills Capital grant

BOSTON – The Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development announces grant awards for Quabbin Regional High School and Shepherd Hill Regional High School as part of the administration’s Workforce Skills Capital Grant Program.

Senator Gobi had this to say about the grant awards, “The release of these funds show our commitment towards investing in the economic future of the Commonwealth and the employment prospects of our constituents. By expanding and developing new programs across the state we will be

able to increase access and demand for these curriculums, making the students who benefit from them more employable as well.”

Quabbin Regional will be receiving \$225,000 to purchase equipment for its recently designated Innovation Pathway programs in manufacturing and information technology. The high school received designation from the state for its Innovation Pathway program, which is aligned to closing the skills gap for regional employers, specifically its partner businesses, Vibram, L.C. Starrett, Quabbin Cable and Wire and Saint-

Gobain. Later this year, the school plans to offer training and credentials to adult students.

The Shepherd Hill School will be receiving \$327,255 towards their early career pathway in manufacturing. The program will be expanded to students in ninth and 10th grades, and the school will strive to support low-income students, English Language Learners and students with disabilities or others who might already be exploring post-secondary education options. Students will gain valuable curriculum and hands-on experience that will allow them to gain credentials

and MACWIC advanced manufacturing certifications.

The Skills Capital Grants are awarded by Governor Baker’s Workforce Skills Cabinet, which was created in 2015 to bring together the Secretariats of Education, Labor and Workforce Development, and Housing and Economic Development to align education, economic development and workforce policies in order to strategize around how to meet employers’ demand for skilled workers in every region of the Commonwealth.

The competitive grants are

awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state. The 2018 Economic Development Bill, filed by the Governor and passed by the Legislature, established an additional \$75 million in Skills Capital Grant funding.

For more information on the program, people may visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-skills-capital-grant-program>.

Central West History Day competition set for March 7

BARRE – The 39th annual CentralWest History Day competition with be held on Saturday, March 7 at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St. The event is being hosted by the Central Mass Council for Social Studies. Schools from Springfield to Bedford in grades 6 through 12 with be competing in the following areas: original performances, documentary films, academic papers, informative websites or three dimensional exhibits on the theme, “Breaking Barriers in History.” Students may compete individually or in groups in one of the categories. The competition judging will start a 9 a.m. and finish at noon. The award ceremony will be about 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, people may contact Helen Poirier at [cmcss2015@gmail.com](mailto:cmcss2015@gmail.com).

Monty Tech open house March 18

FITCHBURG – Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School (Monty Tech), 1050 Westminster St. will hold an open house Wednesday, March 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Snow date is March 19.

This event is an ideal opportunity for prospective students and their families to tour the school, discover exciting career and technical educational opportunities, speak with their academic teachers, as well as meet many of their athletes and hear about the sports available at Monty Tech.

Families can also enjoy a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner for \$5 per person from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Monty Tech’s cafeteria. Children under age 5 eat for free.

Community read of ‘Maus’ continues this semester

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University’s Community Read of the acclaimed graphic novel “Maus” by Art Spiegelman continues this semester with discussions and film screenings, as well as a talk with the author himself in April.

“Maus” is the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of the Holocaust and his son, a cartoonist, who tries to come to terms with his father, his father’s terrifying story and history itself.

The spring events begin with a book discussion and brunch at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16 at the Lunenburg Senior Center, 25 Memorial Drive, Lunenburg.

Visitors are asked to RSVP by calling 978-582-4166.

The series continues with a screening of the documentary “Breaking the Silence: The Generation after the Holocaust” at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22 at the Fitchburg Public Library, 610 Main St. The documentary features interviews with adult children of Holocaust survivors as they share their memories of growing up with parents, who could not recount their years in Nazi camps.

The programs return to campus with an interdisciplinary panel discussion of rising nationalism around the world at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 30 in Ellis White

Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Professors Eric Budd, Kate Jewell, Ben Lieberman, and Ben Railton will discuss competing visions of the nation, and who belongs to the nation historically, and today. The panelists will explore the political and socio-economic significance of rising nationalism and globalization, both at home and abroad.

The series will continue in April with presentations by Spiegelman himself. At 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, the author will speak at Mount Wachusett Community College as part of the Humanities Project Series. This is a free event and open to the public but advanced reservations are required. Tickets

can be reserved by visiting <https://mwcc.edu/campus-life/humanities-project/>. Fitchburg State will be streaming the talk in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall for those who cannot attend the event in person at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Gardner.

Spiegelman will visit the Fitchburg State campus in person on Friday, April 17, meeting with a group of invited students from Fitchburg State and surrounding schools.

People may keep up to date on all Community Read events by visiting [fitchburgcommunityread.com](http://fitchburgcommunityread.com).

Worcester Academy announces honor roll and headmaster’s list

WORCESTER – Worcester Academy announces its honor roll and headmaster’s list for semester 1 of the 2019-2020 school year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among local students are: McKenna Childs of Ware, Class of 2024, honor roll; Avery Galante of Hubbardston, Class of 2024, headmaster’s list and Lillian Reynolds of North Brookfield, Class of 2021, headmaster’s list.

Worcester Academy is an co-educational independent school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates.

### College Dean's & President's lists

#### RIT’ announces dean’s list

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – The following local residents made the dean’s list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 fall semester: Abby Hurd of Hardwick, Rebecca Syria of Hubbardston, Brock Dyer of Barre, Kyle Zielinski of Ware and Andrew Afonso of Hubbardston. Abby Hurd is in the 3D digital design program, Rebecca Syria is in the computer science program, Brock Dyer is in the computer science program. Kyle Zielinski is in the game design and development program and Andrew Afonso is in the computing security program.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean’s list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of “Incomplete,” “D” or “F” and

they have registered for and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

#### Husson University announces president’s list

BANGOR, MAINE – Husson University announces fall 2019 president’s list. Students who make the president’s list must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.80 to 4.0 during the period.

Local students included: Ryley A. Newcomb of Barre and Shannon Bridget Dowd of Hubbardston. Ryley A. Newcomb is a sophomore, who is currently enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Shannon Bridget Dowd is a

sophomore, who is currently enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration and Public Health/ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program.

#### Curry College announces fall dean’s list

MILTON – Roughly 1,000 students were named to the fall 2019 dean’s list at Curry College. The following local students made the list: Amber White of Barre, a nursing major and member of the Class of 2020 and Lilly Thacker of North Brookfield, a nursing major and member of the Class of 2022.

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres.

#### Katelyn Kerr named to dean’s list at BU

BOSTON – Katelyn M. Kerr, a resident of Rutland, has recently been named to the dean’s list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the dean’s list, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

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**HEALING MINISTRY AT MARY’S GARDEN** located in the sacristy at St. Joseph’s Chapel, 29 South St., Barre will be held on Tuesdays during the hours of 1:30-5:30 p.m. unless announced otherwise. Paula Grandpre Wood PT and the parish group Hearts on Fire, invite all to a place where the body and soul are nourished and cared for. Drawing on traditional physical therapy, and embodied through a holistic approach and the body’s inherent ability to heal itself, she uses integrated manual therapy techniques that balance the body’s system. Gentle hands-on pressure is applied, to help guide your body into balance. Sign up is necessary by contact-

ing Paula by email, phone or text at [Paulagrw@gmail.com](mailto:Paulagrw@gmail.com), or 978-434-1246. There are no fees only a free will donation to St. Francis of Assisi will be accepted.

**SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** will meet at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick at 3 p.m. People are welcome to come enjoy conversations with people who love reading and discussing a variety of books, stories and other topics. A great way to meet new friends, explore writing and authors and discover new interests. For more information, people may email [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com), call 413-477-6704 or visit either [www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/) or [www.paigelibrary.com](http://www.paigelibrary.com).

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS** will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre, using the rear entrance.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

**BARRE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, on the Common, Park St., Barre. They welcome volunteers between 9:30 a.m. and noon to help clients “shop” the food bank offerings and help carry groceries to clients’ cars. Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students who come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

**BARRE FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION** will be available at the Barre Congregational Church, on the Common, Park St., Barre, to people in need of food assistance from 10 a.m. to noon. Free, monthly distribution of canned, fresh and frozen food will be made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs. The Barre Food Pantry would like to encourage clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

**QUILTING GROUP** will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Wednesday at 9 a.m.



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## Panthers advance past Warriors to semifinals

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Not since 2015 have the Quabbin boys basketball team merited the opportunity to dance among the top four teams in Western Mass in the semifinals happening this week.

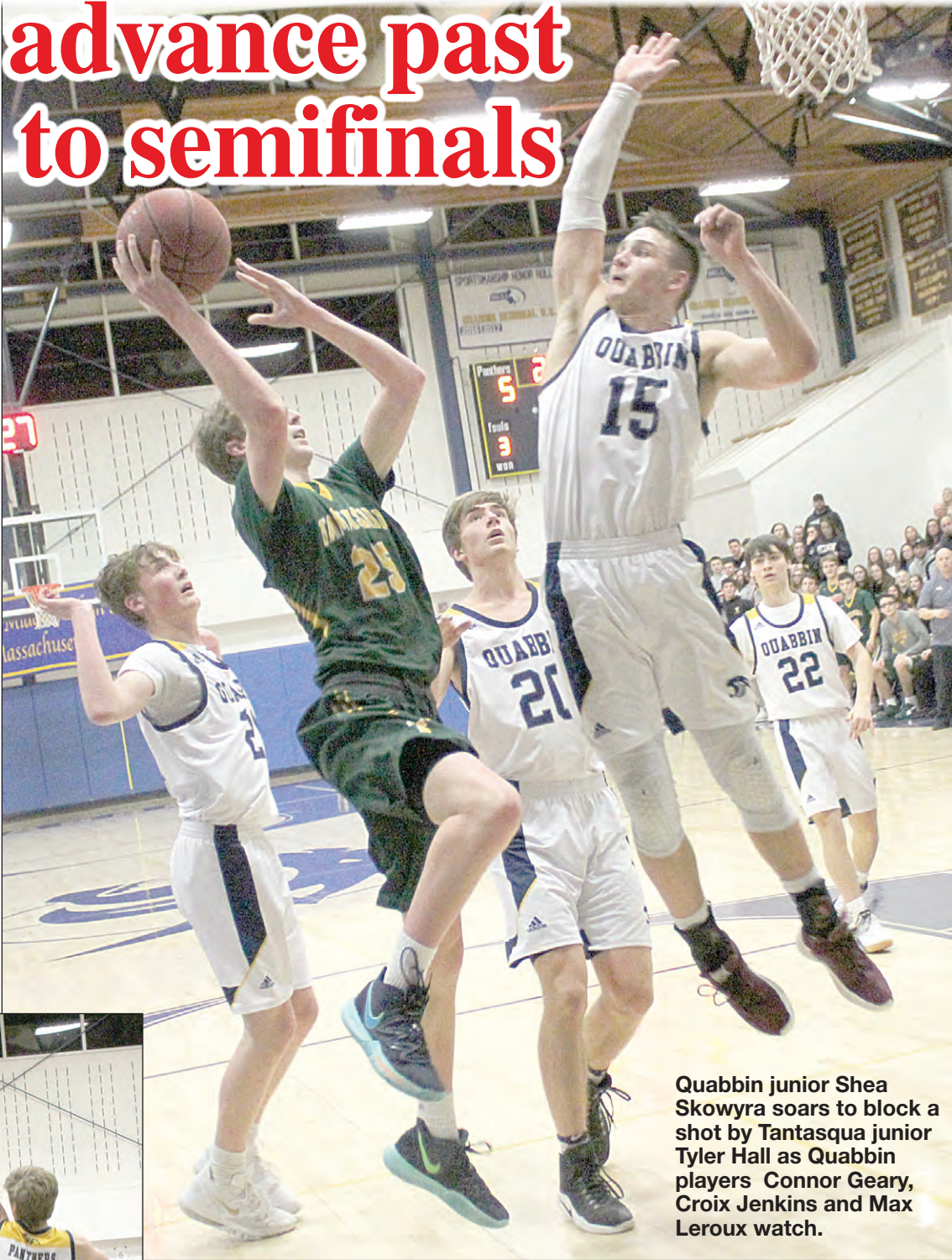
The Panthers earned the chance when they defeated a strong Tantasqua team 52-47 last Friday night in the Division 2 quarterfinal game in their home gym in Barre.

"It felt great getting the win, they were a tough opponent," said Quabbin junior Shea Skowyrza, whose 15 points and 12 rebounds caused plenty of damage to the visitors. "Our team did what we needed to come out on top."

Just getting to the playoffs was admirable for the No. 5 seed Warriors (13-8), as they had lost eight seniors the year before, bringing back four- only two of which were experienced varsity players.

"Coming into the game I thought it would come down to whoever could consistently score the basketball," said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "You have to give Quabbin credit, they were able to put the ball in the basket more consistently than us and that ultimately

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Quabbin junior Shea Skowyrza soars to block a shot by Tantasqua junior Tyler Hall as Quabbin players Connor Geary, Croix Jenkins and Max Leroux watch.



Quabbin's Brendan Whitelaw and Croix Jenkins look to stop Tantasqua's Tyler Hall as he goes up for a shot.



Warrior senior Troy Lee searches for an open teammate.



Tantasqua defenders Ben Doros and Joe Groccia intend to make things difficult for Quabbin senior T.J. Chamberlain.



Panther senior Georgia Shampine turns up the defense against Oriole Gina Camerota.

## Panthers take down Orioles in finale

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Things ended on a high note for five Quabbin seniors - Olivia Fay, Katie Jablonski, Helena Shampine, Georgia Shampine and Olivia Giorgi, when they played their last ever high school basketball game in their home gym last Wednesday night during vacation week and defeated Belchertown 48-38.

The regular season wrapped up for both teams, with the Panthers improving their record to 15-5 overall with playoffs on the horizon as the Orioles came to the end of the line in Barre for the winter, posting 5-15 for the season.

"It felt good to win on senior night, because our senior class has been playing together since rec leagues," said Jablonski. "It was nice to go out on top."

Although not a league match-up, the two teams have a friendly history.

"Belchertown is a good team and has been a strong opponent for us over the last few years," said Quabbin head coach Ryan Burnett. "It was nice to get another win at home on senior night. We actually went undefeated 9-0 at home this year, so we were disappointed to learn we didn't get a home game for playoffs."

However, things took a while to get started in the first quarter, with both teams only tallying up a few baskets with the guest Orioles grabbing their only lead of the night at 8-6 at the end of eight



Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Panther junior Julia Hamel charges to the net for points while teammate Laney Shampine follows.

minutes.

"Over the past seven or eight seasons, we've had a good rivalry with Quabbin," said head Belchertown coach Jason Woodcock. "We've won some, we've lost some, but they have

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## Statewide tournament passes, will be implemented in 2021

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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As the Western Massachusetts basketball and hockey tournaments press on this week, a new tournament is now on the horizon.

Last Friday morning, the MIAA's membership voted in favor of holding a statewide tournament in all high school sports, and will do away with sectional tournaments beginning in fall 2021.

A special meeting of the MIAA and its board of directors was held last Friday morning at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlboro. Every member of the MIAA was allowed to send a representative to the meeting to vote on the proposal to hold a statewide tournament.

It was clear by opinions voiced leading up to the meeting that most of Western Massachusetts'

was against the proposal. Most of the opinions were that a statewide tournament would more benefit the eastern part of the state.

But with the hurried rollout of the plan, concern of how MaxPreps would rank schools in the 32-team brackets, many more schools than expected voted now. However, majority ruled with a 193-140 vote.

"It's not the outcome I wanted," said Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton. "But now we move forward."

Stratton attended the meeting along with his building principal, Thomas Schnepf. Each member school, about 380 in the state, had the ability to vote. There were 333 votes cast in the decision.

With the vote passing, the MIAA will begin preparations to hold statewide tournaments in the fall of 2021, starting with soccer, football, field hockey, and girls vol-

leyball. Sectional tournaments will be held during the 2020-2021 season.

However, based on how the meeting went, the Tournament Management Committee, which created the proposal, will continue considering how to make the MaxPreps formula work. The formula was not shared with the membership, citing it being a proprietary formula. The MIAA membership did not have a vote in the implementation of MaxPreps. For Western Mass and some Central Mass. tournaments, MaxPreps will replace the Walker system, which was used due to the diversity of the Western Mass. region and so many teams playing in leagues with teams in multiple divisions.

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## Pioneers head for tournament

PALMER - The Pathfinder Regional High School girls basketball team defeated Pioneer Valley Christian in its regular season finale on Feb. 18 50-13. In the win, Jocelyn Wells had 19 points to lead all scorers.



Jocelyn Wells makes a pass up the court.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Cordelia Hageman makes an open layup.



Brianna St. Jacques reaches out to get the ball.



Amanda Barrett shoots under major pressure.

## Jankins gets invited to spring training

PHOENIX, Ari. - Thomas Jankins, who once attended Quaboag Regional High School, was invited to spring training by the Milwaukee Brewers this season. So far, in early action, Jankins has appeared in two games. He

has pitched a total of 1 1-3 innings and allowed one hit and no runs. Jankins is a non-roster invitee, which means he would have to be added to the 40-man roster if he were to make the team. Jankins finished last season in Triple-A, the

last step to the major leagues. He was 10-5 with San Antonio of the Pacific Coast League. He started 21 games, totaling 123 1-3 innings. Jankins has been primarily used in the minor leagues as a starting pitcher.



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Bondsville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

Phil Clough had the top performance on the final night of round two (position night) where teams one and two and three and four go head to head in each division. Next week begins round number three where all teams will bowl their division opponents to determine which four teams will qualify for our playoffs and a chance to capture the league title. Phil opened with a fantastic 148 but with no help from his mates he couldn't overcome Kevin Krasnecky's 115 and Rusty Lambert's 112. Kras tossed a 108 and Rusty a 106 second but Roll-A-Way got the better of it as Phil's 122 along with Kylie Josefiak's 106 and Dan Josefiak's 138 produced an easy win. Both teams bowled well in the third with the Snappers putting the points in their column 521-501. Kev's exceptional 162 (tops this week) combined with 100's by Russ and Ed Stachowicz was just enough to counter Kylie's 105, Joey

Martin's 107, Dan's 115 and Phil's 135. Phil recorded a spare and nine fill in his final box to pull out the pinfall win and top 400 at 405. Dan followed at 346. Kras topped the victorious shellmen at 385 with Rusty at 318. Phil's 400 is the fifth of his Bondsville career. The Narutowicz slipped past the Incredibowls 4-3 as the Incredibowls snuck out pinfall by three little pins. The barmen opened with narrow wins by eight and nine but lost the third 528-508. Harry McKeon was the top gun for the Towicz as his 337 series resulted from strings of 108, 119 and 110. Lee Robinson added 120 and 321 while Dan Trzpit chipped in with a 109 third. The Incredibowls came alive in the finale as Peter Swistak's 121, Aaron Plankey's 98, Steve Swistak's 122 and Billy Brunk's 131 contributed to the big number and their only win of the night. Bill added singles of 125 and 111 and led his squad at 367. Steve totaled 321 and Pete 305. Sandri crushed Fire Mountain

7-0 taking pinfall by 147. All four Sandri bowlers topped 300 with Sean Andersen the best at 344 (115, 110, 119). Sue Horton was next in line at 330 (105 and 136) with Roland Horton at 312 (105 and 117) and Randy Harper 122 and 302. Rick Trott led the mountaineers with his 113 and 302 while Gary Delisle was right behind at 301 (103 and 106). The Night Hawks had few problems getting past the short-handed Fans of Kayce Smith seven nothing taking the pinfall point by 72. 333's by Dave Fennyery (108, 109, 116) and Gavin Sinclair (135 single) led the Hawk attack. Darryl Sinclair contributed 324 (106, 114, 104) while Doug Grigas added singles of 100 and 102. James Nester was on top for the Fans at 327 (104, 114, 109) while Brian Rowe added 324 (111, 110, 103). It's hard enough to win with four bowlers let alone three. The Hawks maintain a half-point lead over Sandri in their hunt for the Central title.

Webb tournament to take place in March

CHICOPEE — This year marks the 35th year Kevin Vann has enjoyed coaching youth basketball—and for 16 of those years, he has provided young people in Greater Springfield and Northern Connecticut with the chance to play in a competitive tournament. As the founder of the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament, which supports the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Vann was proud to announce this year to sponsors and participants that the event topped the \$200,000 fundraising mark in 2019. “Thank you for standing with me over the past 16 years, supporting the kids of the club,” he said. “I have a deep passion for basketball, yet my 35 years of coaching pales in comparison to the 108 years that the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has been there every day for the now 358 boys and girls of this city. They are children who desperately need encouragement, companionship, challenge and opportunity to help them grow into responsible and respected human beings.” The largest basketball tournament of its kind, the 15-day event tips off on March 13 at the club, ending on March 28. Each year, the tourney draws hundreds of spectators to watch more than 40 teams of boys and girls play. Vann founded the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament in 2005 to honor his late friend, George Webb, who died of cancer

at age 52 in 2004. A basketball player who shot hoops at the club on Tuesday evenings, Webb rarely lost a game, and, Vann said, “When he did, he showed true sportsmanship to whoever he was playing against.” Vann and his business, The Vann Group of Springfield, a professional services outsourcing company, have sponsored the tournament since its start. And it has been held at the club it supports since the beginning as well. “The George Webb Basketball Tournament embodies the values of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee,” Vann said. “It’s an even competition for teams of boys and girls aged 8 to 13 who have varying abilities as ball players.” For the second year in a row, Daishany Miller of Chicopee was named the club’s Youth of the Year. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year, a club member must embody the values of leadership and service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles. The Youth of the Year serves as a role model for other young people in the club and as a representative to the community. Drawn to investigate the club in 2014, Miller, 19, soon adopted it as a second home and learned how to thrive as a leader. “It takes strength to fit in and courage to stand out,” Miller said. “The club is there for me and encourages me to take the steps I need to strive to be a better version of myself.”

Vann said the tournament has allowed thousands of young people to experience the safe haven that is the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, play a sport and develop values that will last them a lifetime. The club has a mission to fill the gap between school and home. According to a national organization called the Afterschool Alliance, every day, 362,312 children in Massachusetts leave school with nowhere to go with an adult present. The club offers activities, resources, supportive relationships with peers and adults and programs that can be life-changing, and it served 1,802 young people last year; 358 were members, and the other 1,444 were served through community outreach programs. The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has two locations in town and is staffed by 30 adults and 50 volunteers. Seventy-one percent of those who are nurtured at the club are 12 and younger; the others are teenagers. Of the total served, 69 percent are in minority ethnic groups and 32 percent are in single-parent households. For more information about the tournament, visit bgcchicopee.org/george-webb-memorial-basketball-tournament/. For information on sponsorship opportunities, visit georgewebbtournament.com or contact Ruth Griggs at (413) 727-3354 or email her at ruth@rccommss.com.

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always been a tough opponent.” Things turned up a bit in the second quarter, as Quabbin posted 20 to Belchertown's 13, giving a 26-21 lead to the Panthers at the break they were able to maintain for the rest of the game except for when Oriole junior Meredith Medina knotted the score at 28 all with two minutes left to go in the third quarter after a powerful three-pointer stunned the home fans. Less than a minute later, Panther sophomore Lauren Olson came up big with a crowd pleasing four-point play, breaking the tie with a massive trey, getting fouled and earning the extra point on the free throw line. Another battle in three point land ensued at the beginning of the fourth, as Belchertown wasn't giving up easily when sophomore Alex LaFlamme got within one at 34-33, only to be immediately answered back by Quabbin's Fay (high scorer of the night at 14) with one of her three treys of the contest. “We had a rough start to the game, but we worked through those problems and



Belchertown sophomore Avery Klingensmith looks to make her way to the basket while Quabbin senior Katie Jablonski works hard for the steal.

Photo by Karen A. Lewis

worked together,” stated Fay. “Belchertown's defense made it challenging for us to find good looks on offense in the first half. I felt awesome to win. I worked really hard in the game; it was nice to see my hard work pay off.” The one-point differential proved to be the closest the Orioles would get for the remainder, as the Panthers eventually stretched things from six to ten points, with the last seconds seeing Quabbin visit the free throw line. “It was a hard fought and incredibly physical game,” mentioned Woodcock. “I was proud of

my young team to withstand the pressure and match their physicality. We knew we would have to play a physical game and deal with their typical zone defense. That they played as much man to man as they did was unexpected.” Following behind Quabbin's Fay with 14 points and junior Julia Hamel adding 11 was Belchertown sophomore Gina Camerota chipping in a team high 11 points and teammate LaFlamme contributing eight. Quabbin fell to Taconic in the quarterfinals of the Division 2 tournament. A story and photos from that game will be in next week's edition.

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During the course of the next year, the MIAA will expand many of its sports to five divisions statewide. With the exception of football, most mainstream sports like soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball, have four divisions. The idea of expanding to five divisions will allow more teams to make a

32-team field as well as hopefully level the competition. During the meeting, a brief presentation of the statewide tournament was given. Athletic directors and administrators in attendance were then given an opportunity to speak or ask questions. Many concerns were raised over the amount of travel that could take place. The extreme example utilized was a team having to go

Worcester area to host Special Olympics state-level competition

WORCESTER – Special Olympics Winter season action wraps up here in Massachusetts as over 1,500 Special Olympics Athletes and Unified Partners (athletes with and without intellectual or developmental disabilities) from across the state will compete

in state-level tournaments in and around Worcester. Competitions will be held in the following sports: basketball, floor hockey and bowling. The event will take place over two days beginning Saturday morning and concluding Sunday

afternoon. Following the competition on Saturday, athletes and their families along with a team of over 800 volunteers will enjoy the evening with socialization, dinner and dancing at Mechanics Hall in Worcester and at the Best Western in Marlborough.

Overall Schedule of Events

**Saturday, March 7**  
9 a.m. Teams begin arriving at competition venues  
10 a.m. Competition begins  
4 p.m. Competition ends  
5 p.m. Dinner served  
6:30 p.m. Olympic Town opens and Dance starts  
9 p.m. Olympic Town and Dance ends  
**Sunday, March 8**  
9 a.m. Competition begins  
3 p.m. Competition ends  
Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each division's play  
Event Guide: specialolympicsma.org/wintergames  
**Competition venues locations**  
AMF Lanes Auburn, 101 Southbridge St., Auburn - bowling  
Assumption College, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester, - basketball

Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., Auburn - basketball  
Bancroft School, 110 Shore Drive, Worcester - basketball  
Clark University Kneller Center, Downing Street, Worcester - basketball  
North High School, 150 Harrington Way, Worcester - basketball  
Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden St., Shrewsbury - basketball  
South High School, 170 Apricot St, Worcester – floor hockey  
Worcester Academy, 81 Providence St., Worcester - basketball  
Worcester Technical School, 1 Skyline Drive, Worcester - basketball  
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tion for over 14,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities across the state in over 550 sporting competitions each year. Using sports as the catalyst, the Special Olympics movement promotes inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities in all areas of life.

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made the difference.” Hosting a playoff game for the fourth seed Panthers (16-5) was an advantage they would use, knowing they were up against the second-best defensive team in Central Mass, according to statistics – compared to their own third place rank. “This was going to be a strongly played defensive competition and it certainly turned out that way,” Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur said. “It was a play-off atmosphere; and everyone could feel the enthusiasm and excitement. The home team fans were terrific in their support.” The action didn't let up after the opening tip-off, with both teams knowing it was do-or-die, however it was the Panthers who eventually led the way with a 10-7 lead in the first and a 29-27 decision at the break, despite the Warriors coming back with 20 points in the second, a quarter that proved to be their best offensively. “Shea had a tremendous second quarter, as we were able to get the ball into the low post and that seemed to ignite the home crowd, especially the bleacher creatures across from where the action was taking place,” remarked Dextradeur. “T.J. Chamberlain knocked home a couple of outside shots and that effort, combined with Shea's dominance in the paint, got us the lead which we never surrendered, despite several strong scoring runs from Tantasqua.”

Many of the hometown fans could have thought the game was in the bag, especially after Quabbin drove ahead with a 10-0 run, only to finally see Warrior senior Troy Lee score a basket and a point on the free throw line after getting fouled with only a minute left in the third, pushing the score to 39-30. “I knew Quabbin's size and physicality were going to be a challenge and I thought we did a good job rebounding,” stated Dion. “They had 40 total rebounds, 14 offensive, 26 defensive, while we had 38 total, 14 offensive, 24 defensive. Their size hurt us, having the ability to generate easy baskets around the hoop.” One of the strategies Dion had with his players was to hit the shot from the perimeter, hoping to avoid the traffic in the paint. However, a powerful Panther defense only resulted in the Warriors hitting 8-31



Tantasqua junior Cameron Varney leaps to stop the effort of Quabbin junior Brendan Whitelaw.



Photos by Karen A. Lewis  
Panther junior Shea Skowyra jumps for two.

in three-point land and five two-point baskets. “Tantasqua is a significant three-point shooting team with a deep bench and their coach can tactically play a number of changing defenses,” Dextradeur said. “They have the ability to play multiple defenses and did, including a full court press, which we had to prepare against all week. The emphasis was to limit our turnovers because a team like Tantasqua, which is so well drilled, can take advantage of our turnovers and covert them into offensive possessions.” Dextradeur made a point to mention the defensive pair of Dylan Hoekstra and Max Leroux had only three combined turnovers, helping in the victory. Although the fourth quarter began at 41-31, the Warriors came fighting back with big treys by Joe Groccia, Mike Lucas and Cameron Varney who also contributed another basket, to make it a 50-47 game with 1:09 seconds left. “It was a great fast paced game between two good teams who fought till the end,” said Varney, notching a match high of 18 points. “Our game plan was just to play hard and keep playing, no matter what may happen. We tried to adjust to their size and worked to keep them off the glass so we could control the rebounding and flow of the game.”

But in the end, a couple of Tantasqua attempts that fell short with seconds on the clock then forced them to foul Hoekstra, sending him to the line with 4.3 seconds left and sealing the victory by nailing the two free throws. Both coaches credited their entire teams – as Groccia followed Varney with 11 points for the Warriors, and seniors Lee, Griffin Polga and Ben Doros played their last game for Tantasqua. Along with Skowyra, Quabbin saw great performances by Chamberlain (17 points) and Hoekstra (10 points). “Shea was immense and is really establishing himself as one of the strongest and athletic forwards in our division,” Dextradeur said. “Both Shea and Croix Jenkins can occupy defenses because they know where their production comes from. While Croix didn't have the offensive numbers, he was, once again, our highest rated player on the court. Connor Geary nailed two important three-pointers to thwart the offensive runs that Tantasqua was making and his defense was superb. Both Connor and Brendan Whitelaw had to defend the top two scorers for Tantasqua and did an exceptional job wearing them down. T.J. also played a strong defensive game and we needed him to get to the basket offensively and he responded.”

from Lee (far Western Mass.) to Nantucket (far Eastern Mass.). Joe Gamache, representing Franklin Technical High School, said it would also be hard for parents to support their children with trips across the state like that. His point was countered by Shaun Hart from Burlington, a member of the TMC. “In order for this tournament to be as bad as people want to make it

out to be you have to hit the lottery of playoff magic to hit the farthest ride people have mentioned,” said Hart. Alison Jordan-Ganger and William Metzger spoke from Western Mass. spoke. Jordan-Ganger, vice principal and athletic director at Granby High School, said student representatives should have been more involved.

“They should have been here to speak their mind,” she said. “We missed the boat on this one.” Metzger, principal of Monson High School, questioned how the state would approach splitting of fans if two teams had to play at far-away locations on the same day. He was told the conflicts could be avoided with certain scheduling.





## The MacDuffie School Summer Kids Camp Registration Now Open

The MacDuffie School offers a coed, full day summer program for students entering grades 1-8. The program is offered in six, one-week sessions starting July 6th and is held on The MacDuffie School campus in Granby, MA.

Participants spend the morning engaged in a program area of their choosing, enjoy a lunch by Sage

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To register, visit <https://summer.macduffie.org/>

The MacDuffie School is a rigorous college preparatory school whose mission is: To foster in all students the intellectual habits of mind, high ethical standards, and respect for diversity required for becoming effective individuals in their personal and work lives and moral and responsible participants in the world beyond.

## Fun in Belchertown

Belchertown Kidz Club is partnering with community and families to build our children's futures. Creative hands on approaches and personalized support help shape the development of all of our unique learners from Preschool through 6th grade. Come grow, learn, and play with us!



## Summer at Stoneleigh-Burnham School Now Offers Day Camps in Dance and Animation

GREENFIELD, MA. Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), an independent day and boarding school in Greenfield, Massachusetts, is pleased to announce day camps for their summer programs in Dance and Animation. These new options are in addition to the boarding summer experiences that Stoneleigh-Burnham has been offering for many years.

SBS's signature summer programs are hosted by expert faculty

on their beautiful 100-acre campus in Greenfield. The programs are designed for girls ages 8-18 and emphasize the development of confidence, the acquisition of skills, and the discovery of new talents.

The week-long Animation Intensive Camp occurs July 5-10 and is designed for female artists in middle and high school who are interested in 2D and 3D animation. Campers have the opportunity to work with professional

artists and animators as well as develop a short film of their own design.

There are two options for the week-long Dance Intensive: July 19-25 and July 26-August 1. Designed for intermediate and advanced dancers in middle and high school, this course provides girls with the opportunity to train with professional instructors and study ballet, jazz, yoga, hip hop, and more.

Also being offered this summer is the premier Bonnie Castle Riding Camp which has been instructing girls ages 8-16 in Hunters, Jumpers, Equitation, Dressage, Combined Training, and

Equine Studies for over 30 years. There are two options for this all levels, boarding-only program: July 5-18 and July 19-August 1.

According to Director of Admissions Kristen Mariotti, "We are very excited to offer these summer day camp programs as part of our initiative to make a Stoneleigh-Burnham experience more accessible to local families."

Summer Program Coordinator Liz Vollinger added, "With both boarding and day options, Summer at Stoneleigh-Burnham is a great way to introduce girls to all that SBS has to offer."

To learn more or to register, please visit [sbschool.org/](https://sbschool.org/)

summer or contact Summer Program Coordinator Liz Vollinger at [lvollinger@sbschool.org](mailto:lvollinger@sbschool.org) or by calling 413-774-2711 x272.

Now celebrating its 150th anniversary, Stoneleigh-Burnham School has been preparing girls grades 7-12 & PG for college and the world. Stoneleigh-Burnham is an academic community with an international perspective that inspires girls to pursue meaningful lives based on honor, respect, and intellectual curiosity. Each student is challenged to discover her best self and graduate with the confidence to think independently and act ethically, secure in the knowledge that her voice will be heard.

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# Get prepared for summer camp season

Summer camp season is just around the corner. Each summer, millions of children depart for campsites around the country to swim, hike, craft, and enjoy the companionship of friends.

Summer camps in North America were first established in the 1880s and were attended by children without their parents for overnight stays. By the 20th century, summer camps had become an international phenomenon, and various organizations hosted traditional summer camps or camps geared toward religion, sports, music and other subjects and activities. According to the American Camp Association, each year more than 14 million children and adults in the

United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps). Nonprofit groups are the largest sponsors of summer camps.

Many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late. Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cut-off dates for enrollment. Parents who want to beat the crowds this year can use this guide to help plan a summer camp agenda.

- Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If

available, find a camp employee to discuss your child’s eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

- Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears, physical or mental disabilities, or even preferences in camp courses.
- Establish payment schedules. Summer camps vary in price. The ACA says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for children from families with limited finan-

cial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.

- Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present. Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.
- Shop for supplies. Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts,

socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries, and other camp necessities before they leave.

- Keep children in the loop. Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears

and get them excited about summer camp.

Summer camp can foster lifelong memories. Parents can help kids prepare in advance for the fun that’s soon to arrive.



Start gearing up now for summer camp plans to guarantee kids attend the camps they prefer.

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Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
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Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30PM

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# Church News

## Masses and Services

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Rev. James Callahan, Pastor  
Rectory – 978-257-8372  
Office - 978-355-2228  
Fax 978-355-0042  
St. Joseph's Chapel  
On the Common, Barre  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Sunday – 8:00 a.m.  
St. Thomas-a-Becket Church  
Vernon Avenue, South Barre  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Saturday – 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday – 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass - Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday 9 a.m.  
Confession - Saturday 3 p.m. or by  
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barrechurch@gmail.com  
www.barrechurch.com  
Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery Care  
After Time with the Children in  
worship, Sunday school for ages pre-  
school through grade 9 at 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Group every other week  
Bible study and community resource  
programs throughout the year.  
Community Friendship Supper - third  
Thursday of each month 5:30-6:30  
p.m.  
Barre Food Pantry - second  
Wednesday of each month  
Narcotics Anonymous - weekly meet-  
ing Tuesday  
Alcoholics Anonymous - Heard It  
Through the Grapevine weekly meet-  
ing Thursday  
Alcoholics Anonymous - Pay It  
Forward weekly meeting Saturday

### NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

60 Main Street, South Barre  
Pastor James Foley  
Phone: 978-355-6407  
Website: www.newlifebarre.org  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.–Noon  
Children ages 12 & under are dis-  
missed after worship for Children's  
Church until noon.  
Thursday Family Night 6-7 p.m.  
Friday Christian Youth Club (CYC)  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Children K-12th grade can enjoy  
activities, supervised free time, music,  
worship, snack and age-appropriate  
Bible lessons.

### COVENANT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

611 South Street, Barre  
Pastor Gary Hayward  
Phone: 978-355-8843  
www.barre.church/about-us/  
contact@cec-barre.net  
Sunday Service – 10 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School – 9-9:45 a.m.  
with Pastor Hayward  
Jr. Church – K-6 and middle school  
education is offered to all children  
during Sunday service.  
Fellowship Lunch – First Sunday of  
each month  
Bible Studies – Call church for infor-  
mation  
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to preschool age child during Sunday  
service.

### ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

58 Church Street, Gilbertville  
413-477-6493  
Rev. Richard A. Lembo  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Weekday Masses – Monday, Tuesday  
and Wednesday – 8 a.m.  
Mass first Friday of month – 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday Confession/Reconciliation  
– 3 p.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m.  
Sunday Mass – 7:30 a.m.  
Website: www.staloyuschurch.org

### FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN CHURCH ON THE COMMON HUBBARDSTON

978-928-5822  
Church Service – 10 a.m.  
Sunday School will be at 9 a.m.  
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of speakers gives the church a vibrant  
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Rev. Timothy Hanley – Minister  
Sunday Worship Service – 10 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship (grades 6-high  
school) – Sunday Morning  
from 9:30-10 a.m.  
Sunday School (preschool-grade 5) –  
Sunday Morning from 10-11 a.m.  
Family Sunday, Communion, and  
Children's Story are held on the first  
Sunday of each month (no Youth  
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### ST. PETER'S CHURCH

18 North St. (Route 32) Petersham  
Rev. Edwin Montañia, Pastor  
Tel. Church 978-249-2738  
Rectory 978-249-2738  
Sunday Mass – 9 a.m.  
Coffee social hour after Mass  
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www.PetershamUnitarian.org

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Church Street, Wheelwright  
Fr. Richard Lembo  
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Rd, New Braintree  
May-August: Trinitarian  
Congregational Church (the Stone  
Church) Rte. 32, in Gilbertville  
September-December: Hardwick  
Universalist Church, Hardwick Center  
Worship begins at 10 a.m. on Sundays  
with Sunday School during worship.

In summer, services are at 9:30 a.m.  
and Sunday School is in recess.  
Further information is available on the  
website triparishcommunitychurch.  
com or by contacting triparishcec@  
gmail.com, by phone 508-867-3306  
or by mail at: P.O. Box 202, New  
Braintree, MA 01531.

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Father James Boland, Pastor  
290 Main St., Rutland  
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## Mary Gertrude (Reece) Gauthier, 91

BELCHERTOWN – Mary Gertrude (Reece) Gauthier, 91, of Belchertown, was called home to the Lord on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020. She was born in Worcester to the late John Stanley and Julia (Clark) Reece. She graduated from the High School of Commerce in Worcester in 1946. After growing up in Worcester, she lived in Petersham and Barre before moving to Belchertown. Mary's beloved late husband, Alfred E. Gauthier, passed away in 1995. They were married for 46 years. A devout Christian, Mary attended Christ Community Church in Belchertown.

Mary worked for most of her life alongside Al, and a cast of characters, at Gauthier Machinery Co., specializing in tractor and farm equipment sales in Barre. Mary was an accomplished musician, who played the piano and accordion, entertaining her friends and family throughout her life, many times with Al,

who played the trom-  
bone. Mary's home was  
a welcoming haven for  
all friends and family  
always offering a meal  
and a place to stay.  
She loved animals and  
enjoyed caring for her  
pets, especially cats.

Mary will be deeply  
missed by her chil-  
dren, Larry Gauthier and his  
wife Janie of Barre, Lynn Foster  
and her husband Bob of Auburn,  
Alan Gauthier and his significant  
other Heather Bernard of Barre  
and Janis Gush and her husband  
Chris of Belchertown; five grand-  
children, Becky, Jody, Sara, Eli  
and Glenn; great-grandchildren,  
James and Frank; sister-in-law,  
Alma Hemstreet and many nieces  
and nephews. In addition to  
her husband and parents, Mary  
was predeceased by sisters, Jane  
Brodeur and Winnie Staples and  
brother, James Reece.

Calling hours will be held



from 10 a.m. to noon  
on Saturday, March 14  
at Christ Community  
Church, 1255 Federal  
St., Belchertown with  
a service immediately  
following. Burial will  
be private at the conve-  
nience of the family.

In lieu of flowers,  
memorial donations  
may be made in Mary's name to  
the Christ Community Church  
Building Fund. For more infor-  
mation or to sign an online guest-  
book, please visit www.beersand-  
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## DEATH NOTICE

**Gauthier, Mary G. (Reece)**  
Died Feb. 7, 2020  
Funeral Services  
March 14, 2020  
Christ Community Church

## Katja Esser presents film at Unitarian church on March 8

PETERSHAM – How well do  
we know water when it begins to  
blossom into its crystalline expres-  
sion or see the stream going to  
its changes? “Within Mother's  
Tattered Skirt, Water Quietly  
Expands the Light” is the new  
film in which film maker and ar-  
tist Katja Esser takes us on a jour-  
ney into the secret life of water as  
she follows its intimate, mystical  
and eloquent story as it comes into  
form. Through water's narrative,  
she encourages us to go beyond the  
constructs of our culture and enter  
into a meditative zone to allow the  
soothing, calming, healing waters  
to lull us into a deep relaxation.  
She invited the viewer to come into  
a personal relationship with this  
magical being and experience its  
profound teachings and healing  
powers. She welcomes us into the  
mystery through her gift of obser-  
vation and sense of composition  
and helps us to see with new eyes  
and deeply appreciate the gifts that  
winter has to offer us.

This full-featured production  
is set up as a prayer of praise to  
feed the holiness of water where  
Katja uses her poetry and impro-



Turley Publications Photo

**Film maker Katja Esser will present her film ‘Within Mother's Tattered Skirt, Water Quietly Expands the Light,’ shown Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Petersham Unitarian church.**

visational singing in response to  
the unfolding scenes to personal-  
ize and deepen the relationship to  
what feeds us. All the images are  
taken in Petersham in walking dis-  
tance of Katja's home.

The movie will be shown

Sunday, March 8 at the First  
Congregational Parish, Unitarian  
Church of Petersham, 1 Common  
St., in the Dining Hall downstairs  
at 2 p.m. The event is open to the  
public and donations are gratefully  
accepted.

## Liz Reilly speaks at Tri-Parish service March 8

NEW BRAINTREE –  
The Tri-Parish Community  
Church welcomes Liz Reilly  
to the pulpit on Sunday,  
March 8 in the New Braintree  
Congregational Church. For  
decades, Liz has operated the  
Hardwick Food Pantry in the  
basement of the Hardwick  
Town Hall in Gilbertville  
(former school building  
for many in the 1950s on).  
Service is at 10 a.m. followed  
by fellowship in the dining  
hall. All are welcome, come  
and help them grow.

## Spring Fling craft fair set for April 4

WEST BROOKFIELD – Spring Fling  
craft fair will be held at the George Whitefield  
United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St.,  
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be spring  
wreaths and arrangements, jewelry, needle-  
work, children's dresses and toys, baked goods,  
paintings on copper and framed prints, art  
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their local artisan's ware for gifts and home  
decor.

## New Life hosts weekly group for children and teens

SOUTH BARRE — New Life Assembly of  
God, 60 Main St. hosts a weekly youth group  
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Christian Youth Club features food, games/activ-  
ities and age-appropriate Bible discussions for  
those who attend (K–12). This is a great place to  
make friends, have fun and discover how faith in  
Christ can impact daily living. There is no cost to  
participate.

For more information, people may contact Pastor  
James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit them online at  
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## Country Bank supports area non-profits

WARE – Country Bank report-  
ed donations for 2019 totaling  
\$905,049. Through the bank's phil-  
anthropic efforts, they provide sup-  
port to local non-profits through-  
out the communities they serve; in  
2019, more than 500 of these orga-  
nizations received generous dona-  
tions. Organizations receiving sup-  
port included The Children's Trust,  
Ludlow Community Center Boys  
and Girls Club, Ronald McDonald  
House, Habitat for Humanity,  
Project Bread and the Massachusetts  
Coalition for the Homeless.

Recognizing the importance and  
overwhelming need to help organi-  
zations that address hunger, Country  
Bank provided monetary donations  
to food programs throughout the  
region that exceeded \$100,000. The  
recipients of these funds included  
Friends of the Homeless, Springfield

Rescue Mission and the Western  
Mass Food Bank as well as many  
local food pantries.

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our communities is not only a part  
of our mission, it's truly who we  
are,” stated Paul Scully, president,  
and CEO of Country Bank. “Team  
members embody our Standards of  
Professional Excellence every day  
by applying the bank's iSTEP core  
values of integrity, service, team-  
work, excellence, and prosperi-  
ty. These values continue to guide  
our mission, especially through our  
community involvement efforts.”

In addition, Country Bank's  
Employee Charitable Giving  
Program raised more than \$30,000  
in 2019 through events such as  
jeans days, bake sales and raffles.  
“Our team volunteered more than  
1,000 hours of personal time at var-

ious events within our communities.  
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ly to our culture and our belief in  
helping others. Serving meals, fill-  
ing backpacks for the homeless and  
building beds for children in need  
are just a few of the ways we gave  
back to our communities,” stated  
Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president of  
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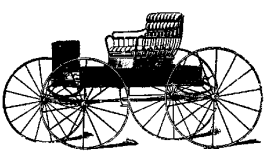
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## Public Safety

### Barre Police Log

**Sunday, Feb. 23**  
12:44 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Edward Lane – Transported to Hospital  
6:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Eric J. Stenman Jr., 28, Spencer  
Warrant; Marked Lanes Violation

**Monday, Feb. 24**  
7:03 p.m. Fraud Vernon Avenue – Report Filed  
10:39 p.m. Fraud Jackson Lane – Investigated

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**  
3:48 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pleasant Street – Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Feb. 26**  
9:51 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Dana Road – Transported to Hospital  
6:33 p.m. Threats Nichols Road – Report Filed

**Thursday, Feb. 27**  
9:27 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Barre Depot Road – Transported to Hospital  
3:41 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Feb. 28**  
9:38 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, Feb. 29**  
9:33 a.m. Threats South Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Old Coldbrook Road – Vehicle Towed  
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Winter Street – Written Warning

**Sunday, March 1**  
6:42 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Glazier Road – Transported to Hospital

### Oakham Police Log

**Monday, Feb. 24**  
10:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Rutland Road – Written Warning  
11:40 a.m. Drugs/Narcotic Violation(s) Old Schoolhouse Road – Report Filed  
12:15 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Spencer Road – Transported to Hospital

1:35 p.m. Illegal Dumping North Brookfield Road – Report Filed

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**  
11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Written Warning  
1:42 p.m. Trespassing Rutherford Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, Feb. 27**  
10:19 a.m. Fraud North Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, Feb. 28**  
3:27 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Turnpike Road – Referred to Other Agency

### Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, Feb. 23**  
2:57 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Williamsville Road – Transported to Hospital  
3:40 p.m. Drugs/Narcotics Violation(s) Barre – Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**  
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Burnshirt Road – Written Warning  
6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning  
10:28 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gardner Road – Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, Feb. 29**  
2:12 p.m. Officer Initiated Plum Tree Lane – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Brian Scott, 41, Gardner

Sex Offender Fail to Register; Sex Offender, Fail to Register, Level 2/3; Sex Offender Info, Homeless Shelter Fail Provide; Sex Offender Fail to Register, Subsequent Offense, Level 2 or 3

11:44 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ragged Hill Road – Transported to Hospital

### Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, Feb. 23**  
9:31 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bernard Road – Transported to Hospital

3:59 p.m. Threats Pleasantdale Road – Investigated  
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning  
7:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
7:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Summons: Eulalia R. Giammarinaro, 43, Rutland  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation  
9:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
10:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Monday, Feb. 24**  
12:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
7:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest: Brant T. Jennings, 47, Charlton  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense  
8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Irish

Lane – Written Warning  
4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**  
2:11 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued  
2:23 a.m. Parking Violation Naquag Street – Citation Issued  
2:25 a.m. Parking Violation Nick Alan Circle – Citation Issued  
2:40 a.m. Parking Violation Beechwood Drive – Citation Issued  
2:46 a.m. Parking Violation Marjorie Lane – Citation Issued  
2:58 a.m. Parking Violation Valley View Circle – Citation Issued  
12:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
2:17 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Autumn Wood Drive – Transported to Hospital  
4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Sherry L. Konan, 41, Gilbertville  
Warrant  
4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning  
6:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning  
6:35 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Joanna Drive – Transported to Hospital  
7:29 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Miles Road – Arrest(s) Made  
9:25 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Feb. 26**  
11:41 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Glenwood Road – Transported to Hospital  
1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Maple Avenue – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: David L. Cataldo, 69, Rutland

License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Beatrice C. Savage, 26, Worcester  
Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
8:12 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Davis Street – Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Feb. 27**  
8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
12:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Daniel F. Belsito, 32, Rutland  
Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense; Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law; Marijuana, Open Container  
Arrest: Jacob Grice, 34, Worcester  
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law; Marked Lanes Violation; Marijuana, Open Container  
3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued  
3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Citation Issued  
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning  
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued  
5:05 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Miles Road – Arrest(s) Made

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**Douglas Martin**  
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3/5, 3/12/2020

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## Gas prices decrease one cent this week

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts are down one cent this week, according to AAA Northeast.

AAA Northeast's March 2 survey of prices in Massachusetts finds self-serve, regular unleaded averaging \$2.43 per gallon. Massachusetts's price is the same as the national average. A year ago at this time, the average price in Massachusetts was 7 cents lower at \$2.36 per gallon.

"Healthy stock levels and cheaper crude prices have alleviated pain at the pump," said Mary Maguire, director, public and legislative affairs. "However, maintenance season and the upcoming switchover to summer blends could break the

downward trend in coming weeks. At the same time, we are also watching the impact of the coronavirus and what that could do to demand."

The range in prices in the latest AAA survey for unleaded regular is 96 cents, from a low of \$2.09 to a high of \$3.05. AAA advises motorists to shop around for the best prices in their area. Please remember to slow down and move

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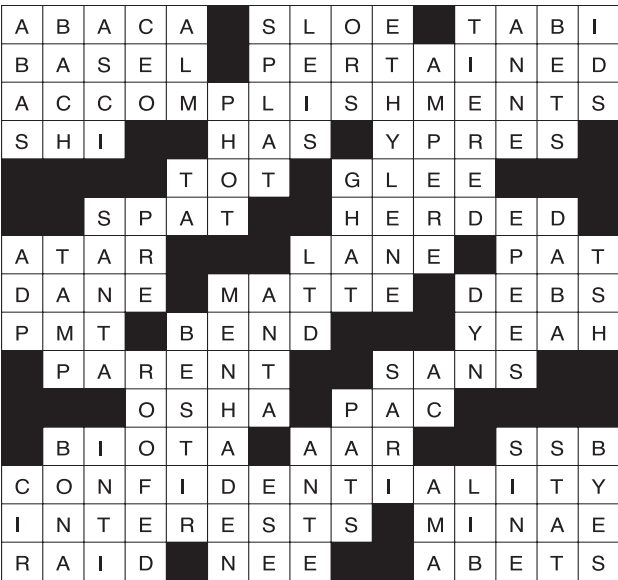
local self serve gas prices and their ranges are as follows: \$2.43 (\$2.09-\$3.05) regular unleaded, \$2.72 (\$2.44-\$3.19) midgrade unleaded, \$2.97 (\$2.69-\$3.45) premium unleaded \$2.97 (\$2.59-\$3.29) diesel.

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## Literacy volunteer training begins March 5

ATHOL – Literacy Volunteers of Orange/Athol's (LVOA) Volunteer Tutor Training course in Basic Literacy begins Thursday, March 5 at the Athol Public Library, and continues on March 7, 9, 12, 14 and 28. The 18-hour training is absolutely free, and provides a great volunteer opportunity - to work with an adult who needs help with reading and writing or speaking English, for two to four hours/week.

People interested in becoming a tutor or in receiving tutoring themselves should contact LVOA coordinator Louise Doud, by

phone at 978-249-5381 or email lvoa01331@gmail.com. People should leave a message so their call can be returned.

Literacy Volunteers of Orange/Athol provides free, private and confidential tutoring to adults and youth ages 16 and older in basic reading and writing and in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), through the use of professionally trained volunteer tutors. LVOA provides ongoing professional support to all its tutors and new resources for tutors are being developed through a grant from the Community Foundation of North

Central Massachusetts. Students are able to learn at their own pace and in the best way for them.

In addition to free tutoring, LVOA provides supplemental services such as Book Bags for Babies, a program to distribute children's books to parents to encourage reading to their infants and to increase awareness of LVOA's services. LVOA is partnered with Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts and the United Way of North Central Massachusetts. LVOA's office hours at the Athol Public Library are Tuesdays 3-7 p.m., Thursdays 1-5 p.m. and by appointment.

## Death Valley at Drama Circle on March 15

ATHOL – A new full-length play by Vicki Meagher, "Death Valley," will be read at the Drama Circle Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at AOTV-Athol, 163 South Main St.

The play is a futuristic drama that takes place in Death Valley, California hundreds of years into the future. Three extraterrestrial beings are dropped off in Death

Valley and one of them wakes up a human, who has been living under an alluvial fan for centuries. The woman names herself Sunshine and starts living again. Another human, a man who calls himself Slither, is also found.

This is the first reading of "Death Valley." Vicki Meagher is a full-time playwright living in New Hampshire and New

Mexico. Her short plays have been produced in several states. For more information, people may visit vickimeagher.com.

The Drama Circle is free of charge and open to the public. For further information, people may contact the artistic director of the Drama Circle, Genevieve Fraser at 978-544-1872.

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